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Double Engine Government In Karnataka Heralds A New Era Of Development

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Dedication to the Nation and Foundation Stone Laying for 8 Projects worth Rs.3,800 crore

by

Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister

September 2, 2022, 1:30 PM Onwards
Goldfinch City, Kuloor, Mangaluru, Karnataka

Dedication to the Nation

1 Mechanization of Berth No. 14 for handling containers and other cargo

- Employment opportunities for 2,200 persons
- Will increase efficiency and reduce the turnaround time by about 35%
- Environmental benefits for the port maritime and ecosystems

Project Cost: Rs. 281 crore
Capacity addition of 6.02 MTPA

Dedication to the Nation

2 BS VI Upgradation Project

- Production of BS VI grade fuels
- Preserving environment, reduction in pollution

Project Cost: Rs. 1,829 crore

Dedication to the Nation

3 Sea Water Desalination Plant

- Conserving fresh water
- Promoting sustenance with 30 MLD desalination capacity

Project Cost: Rs. 677 crore

Foundation Stone Laying

4 Setting up of Integrated LPG and Bulk Liquid POL Facility at NMP

- Employment opportunities for 2,200 persons
- Reduces unloading rate of liquid cargo
- Reduces overall import cost of LPG
- Directly supports PM Ujjwala Yojana

Project Cost: Rs. 500 crore
Capacity addition: 200 MTPA

Foundation Stone Laying

5 Construction of Storage Tanks and Edible Oil Refinery at NMP

- Improves turnaround of edible oil vessels
- Reduces overall import cost of edible oil
- Improves cost-efficiency
- Employment opportunities for 700 persons

Project Cost: Rs. 100 crore
Capacity in MTPA – 0.30

Foundation Stone Laying

6 Construction of Bitumen Storage Tank Farms at NMP

- Improves turnaround of bitumen vessels
- Reduces overall cost of bitumen
- Directly supports PM Gati Shakti Scheme
- Employment opportunities for 275 persons

Project Cost: Rs. 100 crore
Capacity in MTPA – 40,000 MT/ Bitumen Liquid Cargo

Foundation Stone Laying

7 Construction of Bitumen, Edible Oil Storage Tanks and Allied Facilities at NMP

- Reduces overall import cost of edible oil and bitumen
- Improves cost-efficiency
- Employment opportunities for 275 persons

Project cost: Rs. 100 crore
Capacity in MTPA – MGT of 8,000 tonnes per acre per annum

Groundbreaking Ceremony

8 Development of Fishing Harbour at Kulai on EPC Mode

- Employment opportunities for 8,500 persons
- Annual Revenue of Rs. 192 crore for the coastal fishing community

Project Cost: Rs. 196.51 crore

In the August Presence of

Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot
Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Karnataka

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Hon'ble Union Minister of State, MoPSW

Karnataka takes major steps in Ports and Inland Water Transport Development

100 Deep Sea Fishing Vessels have been approved under PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) at a total cost of Rs.120 crore to enhance fish production, export potential and employment.

State-of-the-art fishing harbour at Majali, Uttar Kannada, is being taken up by Govt. of India (under Sagarmala and PMMSY) and Govt. of Karnataka at a total cost of Rs.250 crore.

Under the Central Sagarmala Coastal Berth Scheme, Rs.276 crore development projects are under implementation at Karwar Port.

Development of a Dedicated Jetty with Allied Infrastructure Facilities and Cruise Terminal at Old Mangalore at an estimated cost of Rs.65 crore to revive the historic trade ties with the Lakshadweep Islands.

Development of about 30 MTPA Deep Water All-Weather Greenfield Port at Keni on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,000 crore.

Dredging of navigation channels in 8 fishing harbours at a cost of Rs.20 crore for smooth and speedy movement of fishing boats.

Work is under progress to construct a 350 m Coastal Berth at the Old Mangalore Port at an estimated cost of Rs.65 crore.

A Maritime Training Institute at an estimated cost of Rs. 30.35 crore in Karwar, Uttara Kannada, to impart industry relevant skills and generate employment for the youths of Karnataka's coastal community.

Under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Model, a 5 million MTPA port with investment of Rs.600 crore is under development at Honnavar Port, Uttara Kannada District.

Development of about 12 MTPA Deep Water All-Weather Greenfield Port at Pavinakurve in Honnavar Taluk, on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, at an estimated cost of Rs.2,000 crore.

In 2021-22, a sum of Rs.35 crore was spent on sea erosion prevention projects and Rs.37.90 crore on Non Major Ports, Inland Water Transport and Sagarmala Projects.

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Murugha Mutt seer arrested

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUBBALLI

Six days after the case of alleged sexual harassment of two minor girls was filed under POCSO Act against him, the seer of Brihan Mutt in Chitradurga, Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, was arrested in that town on Thursday night.

Superintendent of Police, Chitradurga, K. Parashuram confirmed the development, saying the seer had been arrested in connection with the cases.

Pressure had been mounting on the police as activists and several organisations had started questioning the delay in arresting the seer, who heads a prominent Lingayat mutt and wields considerable influence in the community.

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GST revenues cross the ₹1.4 lakh cr. mark again

However, August collection is 3.6% lower than July's

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

India's gross revenues from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) were ₹1,43,612 crore in August, 28% higher than a year ago. Revenues from import of goods soared 57% during the month while domestic transactions and import of services yielded 19% higher taxes than in August 2021.

This is the sixth successive month when GST revenues have been over the ₹1.4 lakh crore mark, the Finance Ministry said, stressing that GST collections have risen 33% till August this year, compared to the corresponding period of 2021-22, and are "continuing to display very high buoyancy".

On a sequential basis, however, August's GST kitty, based on transactions carried out in July, was 3.6% lower than July's collection of ₹1,48,995 crore and marks a three-month low. As per the Ministry, 7.6 crore e-way bills were generated in July, "marginally higher" than 7.4 crore in June and 19% higher than the 6.4 crore in July 2021.

The Ministry said the sustained uptick in GST collections is "a clear impact of various measures taken by the (GST) Council in the past to ensure better compliance". Better reporting coupled with economic recovery has been having positive impact on the GST revenues on a consistent basis, it added.

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'Manufacturers upbeat'

Indian manufacturers reported the fastest increase in production and new orders in nine months in August, thanks to strengthening demand conditions and a spike in export orders, as per the survey-based S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI).

The seasonally adjusted PMI moderated slightly to 56.2 in August from 56.4 in July, showing improvement in operating conditions for producers. ▸ PAGE 16

Teesta custody: SC questions Gujarat

Under Cr.PC, a woman is entitled to favourable treatment, CJI tells the State govt.

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

Activist Teesta Setalvad has been in custody for over two months and, as a woman, is entitled to "favourable treatment" under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.PC), the Supreme Court *prima facie* told Gujarat on Thursday.

"Suppose we give her interim bail and let the matter be taken up [by the Gujarat High Court] on September 19?" the top court queried.

The court is hearing a plea for bail filed by Ms. Setalvad,

Teesta Setalvad

who is accused of forgery and fabrication of evidence in connection with the 2002 Gujarat riots cases.

"There is no offence here against her which comes with a rider, nothing like POTA or UAPA in which bail should not be granted... These are normal IPC [Indian Penal Code] offences. Under Section 437 of the Cr.PC, a lady is entitled to favourable treatment," Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit, heading a three-judge Special Bench, asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Gujarat.

She was arrested in Mumbai on June 25 by the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS), a day after the Supreme Court, in a judgment, dismissed allegations of "larger conspiracy" levelled by Zakia Jafri, widow of Congress leader Ehsan Jafri who was killed in the 2002 Gujarat riots, against former Chief Minister Narendra Modi and over 60 senior State officials. In its judgment in the Jafri case, the top court had snubbed Ms. Setalvad, who had fought the case on behalf of Ms. Jafri for decades.

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Metro works come to a halt on ORR

SUCHITH KIDIYOOR
BENGALURU

Incessant rains is impacting metro construction work on the ORR-airport line, especially between Central Silk Board and K.R. Puram. Metro piling work was majorly impacted owing to waterlogging. However, officials maintain the phenomenon is temporary.

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UPA delegation meets Jharkhand Governor

AMARNATH TEWARY
PATNA

A 10-member delegation of the ruling United Progressive Alliance (UPA) in Jharkhand on Thursday met Governor Ramesh Bais seeking clarification over reports of "disqualification" of Chief Minister Hemant Soren as an MLA.

The team comprising leaders from the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, the Rashtriya Janata Dal and the Congress, met Mr. Bais amid the political uncertainty prevailing in the State over Mr. Soren's continuation at the helm.

The BJP has been demanding that Mr. Soren quit on "moral grounds" and a mid-term election be held in view of the allegation that he violated electoral laws by extending a stone mining lease to himself while holding the Mines portfolio.

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IMF to extend $2.9 billion to Sri Lanka

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has reached a staff-level agreement with crisis-hit Sri Lanka, in a first step before extending a $2.9-billion loan package that the Fund has made contingent on assurances from the island nation's creditors.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Cases against state

5,164 The number of cases of offences lodged against the state in India, including those under sedition, Official Secrets Act, and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, in 2021, according to National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data. The cases showed a decline in 2021 when compared to 2020 and 2019, which saw 5,613 and 7,656 filed, the 'Crime In India - 2021' report showed. Moreover, 8,600 such pending cases investigation were carried forward from last year. PTI

Meta takes action

2.7 In crore, the number of social media posts in India, against which technology conglomerate Meta took action in July, the company said in its monthly transparency report. The company took action against 2.5 crore posts on Facebook and 20 lakh posts on Instagram to comply with Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. On Facebook, action was taken against 1.73 crore of spam content, followed by 27 lakh posts related to "adult nudity and sexual activity". PTI

Lockdown in China

21 In million, the number of people who have been ordered to stay home in the City of Chengdu by Chinese authorities following a spike in COVID-19 cases. About 70% of the flights have been suspended to and from the southwestern Chinese city. The strict action was taken after Chengdu reported around 1,000 cases in the latest outbreak. Though no deaths were reported, the extreme measures reflect China's rigid adherence to its "zero-COVID" policy that has adversely affected the economy, with lockdowns. AP

Over 50,000 cases

50,496 The number of monkeypox cases recorded in the global outbreak, the latest WHO figures showed, though the transmission is slowing in the virus hotspots of Europe and the United States. The UN agency, which declared the outbreak a global public health emergency on July 24,said 16 deaths were reported this year. WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the declines in new infections proved the outbreak could be halted. AFP

IMF loans to Sri Lanka

2.9 In billion, the amount the International Monetary Fund agreed to provide Sri Lanka as a loan over four years under a preliminary agreement to help the crisis-hit country, the global lender announced. The IMF and the Sri Lankan authorities have reached a staff-level agreement to support Sri Lanka's economic policies with a 48-month arrangement under the Extended Fund Facility, with the objective to restore macroeconomic stability and debt sustainability while safeguarding financial stability. PTI

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EXPLAINER

Effecting the ban on single-use plastics

What are single-use plastics and how do they impact the environment? What are the amended rules and are alternatives available?

THE GIST

- The purpose of single-use plastics is to use them once or for a short period of time before disposing of them. There is a greater likelihood of single-use plastic products ending up in the sea than reusable ones.
- The Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021, prohibited the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale, and use of plastic carry bags whose thickness is less than 75 microns.
- To ensure the effective enforcement of the ban, national and State-level control rooms will be established, as well as special enforcement teams for the purpose of checking the illegal manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of single-use plastics.

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SANGEETA TAAK

The story so far: The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, notified the Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021 on August 12, 2021. In keeping with the spirit of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', the country is taking steps to curb littered and unmanaged plastic waste pollution. Since July 1, 2022, India has banned the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale, and use of single-use plastic (SUP) items with low utility and high littering potential. India is a party to the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA). In all, 124 nations are party to the UNEA, and India has signed a resolution to draw up an agreement in the future that will make it legally binding for signatories to address the full life cycle of plastics, from production to disposal.

Why are single-use plastics harmful?
The purpose of single-use plastics is to use them once or for a short period of time before disposing of them. Plastic waste has drastic impacts on the environment and human health. There is a greater likelihood of single-use plastic products ending up in the sea than reusable ones.

India has taken resolute steps to mitigate pollution caused by littered single-use plastics. A number of items are banned, including earbuds with plastic sticks, balloon sticks, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice cream sticks, polystyrene (thermocol) for decorations, plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straws, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron, stirrers, etc.

What is the impact on the environment?
Littered single-use plastic items have an adverse effect on both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. All countries face a major environmental challenge due to pollution caused by single-use plastic items. India piloted a resolution on single-use plastics pollution at the 4th United Nations Environment Assembly in 2019, recognising the urgent need for the global community to address this issue. This resolution was adopted at the UN Environment Assembly as an important step forward. In the recently concluded 5th session of the United Nations Environment Assembly in March 2022, India engaged constructively with all member states to develop a consensus on a resolution to drive global action against plastic pollution.

However, India is not the first country to ban single-use plastics. Bangladesh became the first country to ban thin plastic bags in 2002; New Zealand banned plastic bags in July 2019. China had issued a ban on plastic bags in 2020 with a phased implementation.

As of July 2019, 68 countries have plastic bag bans with varying degrees of enforcement.

What are the plastic waste management rules in India?
With effect from September 30, 2021, the Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021, prohibited the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale, and use of plastic carry bags whose thickness is less than 75 microns. From December 31, 2022, plastic carry bags whose thickness is less than 120 microns will be banned.

It means that the ban does not cover all plastic bags; however, it requires the manufacturers to produce plastic bags thicker than 75 microns which was earlier 50 microns. As per the notification, the standard shall be increased to 120 microns in December this year.

The notification clearly mentioned that plastic or PVC banners/ hoardings should have more than 100 microns in thickness, and non-woven plastic (polypropylene) must be more than 60 GSM (grams per square metre). Non-woven plastic bags have a cloth-like texture but are counted among plastics. Still, plastic or PET bottles, counted among the most recyclable types of plastic, have been left out of the scope of the ban.

In addition, the Indian government has taken steps to promote innovation and create an ecosystem for accelerated adoption and availability of alternatives across the country. To ensure the effective enforcement of the ban, national and State-level control rooms will be established, as well as special enforcement teams for the purpose of checking the illegal sale and use of single-use plastics. To prevent the movement of banned single-use plastic items between States and Union Territories, border checkpoints have been established.

In an effort to empower citizens to help curb the plastic menace, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has launched a grievance redressal application.

The Government has been taking measures for awareness generation towards the elimination of single-use plastics The awareness campaign has brought together entrepreneurs and start-ups, industry, Central, State and local Governments, regulatory bodies, experts, citizen organisations, R&D and academic institutions.

What is the role of the manufacturer?
In addition, the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change notified the Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2022 on February 16, 2022. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is the responsibility of a producer for the environmentally sound management of the product until the end of its life. The guidelines provide a framework to strengthen the circular economy of plastic packaging waste, promote the development of new alternatives to plastic packaging and provide the next steps for moving towards sustainable plastic packaging by businesses.

What are the challenges?
The ban will succeed only if all stakeholders participate enthusiastically and engage in effective engagement and concerted actions.

However, if we look back at our past, almost 25 Indian States previously banned plastic at the state level. However, these bans had a very limited impact in reality because of the widespread use of these items.

Now the challenge is to see how the local level authorities will enforce the ban in accordance with the guidelines. Banned items such as earbuds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, etc., are non-branded items and it is difficult to find out who the manufacturer is and who is accountable for selling because these items will be available in the market even after the issuing of guidelines.

What's happening on the research and development front?
The consumer needs to be informed about the ban through advertisements, newspaper or TV commercials, or on social media. In order to find sustainable alternatives, companies need to invest in research and development. The solution to the plastic pollution problem is not the responsibility of the government alone, but of industries, brands, manufacturers and most importantly consumers. Finding alternatives to plastic seems a little difficult, however, greener alternatives to plastic may be considered a sustainable option. For example, compostable and bio-degradable plastic, etc., may be considered as an option.

While the total ban on the use of plastic sounds a great idea, its feasibility seems difficult at this hour, especially in the absence of workable alternatives.

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EXPLAINER

Why has the Supreme Court relaxed the ban on iron ore mining in Karnataka?

Why did the Court go back on its own order? What does this mean for mining operations in the State?

NALME NACHIYAR

The story so far: On August 26, 2022, the Supreme Court raised the ceiling limit of iron ore mining for Ballari (from 28 MMT to 35 MMT), Chitradurga and Tumakuru districts (from 7 MMT to 15 MMT collectively) in Karnataka, saying that the conservation of ecology and environment must go hand in hand with the spirit of economic development. Earlier, on May 20, 2022, the apex court had relaxed the ban on sale outside the State and export of already excavated iron ore from mines in these three districts. Ten years after it clamped down on production and sale of iron ore in Karnataka, the Court has relaxed its own orders.

How did the illegal mining start?
Karnataka's mining story is closely linked to the notorious Reddy brothers of Ballari. In 2002, Gali Janardhan Reddy incorporated the Obulapuram Mining Company (OMC) in Andhra Pradesh's Anantapur district. Eight years later, in 2010, it was shut down by the Court, after a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe was initiated against Mr. Reddy in 2009 for illegal mining. The

G.R.N SOMASHEKAR

unprecedented illegal mining left in its wake a plunder of public wealth, massive losses to the exchequer, encroached forest land, a ravaged environment and large-scale health issues among the local population.

The two Lokayukta Reports of 2008 and 2011 exposed over 700 government officials in the mining scandal, including three Chief Ministers, laying bare the nexus between the political class and the mining and steel industries. After the Court-appointed Central Empowered Committee (CEC) report brought to light accounts of rampant violations, the apex court passed an order on September 23, 2011 to stop mining operations in Ballari.

Furthermore, in 2012, the SC banned export of iron ore pellets from Karnataka with an aim to prevent environmental degradation. It fixed maximum permissible annual production limit at 35 MMT for A and B category mines.

What were the Court's directions?
Following the ban, the Court directed the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) to draw up a reclamation and rehabilitation plan to reverse the environmental damage caused by illegal mining.

A year later, in September 2012, the SC allowed 18 "category A" mines to resume operations. Subsequently, the ore was sold through e-auctions. In December 2017, the Court permitted increasing the cumulative ceiling cap to 35 MMT based on a CEC report.

Why has the issue resurfaced?
In May this year, The Federation of Indian Mineral Industries, Southern Chapter – which includes Vedanta Limited – had asked the SC to scrap e-auction norms in the export or sale of iron ore for mining lessees in the state.

The mining firms claimed that they were facing closure as steel plants and other related industries were not willing to purchase stocks in the e-auction or above the prevailing market price. This application by mining firms was supported by the Union ministries of Steel and Mines.

The CEC also gave in, adding that the demand and supply and price of iron ore are best left to be determined by market forces.

As opposed to 2017, when Karnataka was in support of a gradual increase in the ceiling limit, the Basavaraj Bommai-led government has changed its stance and is now in favour of a complete removal of the ceiling limit. However, it has opposed lifting of the decade-old ban on iron ore export from the State.

What did the Supreme Court rule?
Through its two orders this year, the top Court ruled that it was necessary to create a level playing field for the mines situated in the three districts with those in the rest of the country.

Taking cognisance of the course correction by the government, it relaxed its 2011 order since the situation had now "changed for the better". However, the Court has reserved its judgment on the complete removal of ceiling limits on iron ore mining.

'The original petitioner, NGO Samaj Parivartan Samudaya led by activist S.R. Hiremath, has opposed any exports on the grounds that minerals are national assets that need to be preserved and only finished steel should be exported.

What are the implications?
India's efforts to clean up illegal mining and export of iron ore, left steel producers in the lurch after 2011. With closure of mines, steel mills faced raw material shortages forcing them to import, thereby opening up the country to business for iron ore giants from outside India.

India exports its low-grade ore mainly to China. Hence, resuming exports in Karnataka would lower supplies to the local market and benefit Chinese steelmakers, the Indian Steel Association has argued.

The restrictions on production and sale had also affected lakhs of mining dependants in Karnataka making their livelihood uncertain. The Court order may offer them some respite.

THE GIST

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NO.KIMS/KOPPAL/RE-TENDER/42/2022-23 **Date: 29.08.2022**

RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Koppal Institute of Medical Sciences invites Tenders for Supply of Stationary & HNS Items Required KIMS Koppal on Rate Contract Basis for the Period of 02 Years in two bid system from eligible tenderers through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 1) Tender documents may be download from the e-procurement portal from 02/09/2022 @ 5.30 PM. 2) Tender must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 16/09/2022 @5.30PM. 3) Technical Bids will be opened on 19/09/2022 @11.30AM. 4) Tender Approximate Cost: Rs. 45.34 Lakhs. 5) EMD: 2.5% on Quoted Tender Value.

Further information may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from E-Procurement Website:https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and this office web-sitewww.kimskoppal.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-Director, KIMS, Koppal.
DIPR/Koppal/314/MCA/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
Construction & Maintenance Group,
ISRO HQ, Antariksh Bhavan, New BEL Road, Bengaluru-560094 Phone: 080-2217 2033/2032/2476
Fax No.: 080-23513126

e-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, item rate e-tenders are invited for the following work:

Title of work	**Modification of ILC Guest House at Khar West, Mumbai-Air-conditioning Works.**
Tender Notice No.	**CMG/ISRO-HQ/AC/C/01/2022-23 Dtd: 01.09.2022**
Estimated Cost put to tender	**Rs. 4.49 Lakhs**
Period of Completion in months	**Three (03) Months**
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	**From: 18.10 Hrs on 01.09.2022 To: 23:59 Hrs on 14.09.2022**
Last date and time for receipt of tenders	**Up to 14:30 Hrs on 16.09.2022**
Due date and time for opening of tenders	**16:30 Hrs on 16.09.2022**
EMD	**Rs.8,980/-**

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed tender notice on **www.isro.gov.in/tender** Detailed tender notice and tender documents can be downloaded from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Group Head CMG, ISRO HQ

SPICY PLATTER EVICTION NOTICE

Our client Smt. Ume Hani W/o. Dr. M. A. Ezaz Ahamed, owner of property bearing No. 39 (old No.8/10), Situated at N.S. Palya, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Nagara, B.T.M. Layout 2nd Stage, Bengaluru- 560 076 which is morefully described in the Schedule written hereunder and hereinafter referred to as **"SCHEDULE PROPERTY"** by this **"last and final notice"** hereby calls upon you Mr. Deepak Subbaiah, Proprietor, S. P. Hospitality running the restaurant in the name and style "SPICY PLATTER" in the Schedule Property, to vacate and handover the same, immediately upon the expiry of 15 days from the date of this notice and also pay a sum of Rs. 13,65,114/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred and Fourteen only) to our client towards arrears of rent, admitted damages, arrears of electricity and water charges payable till date.

This notice is also affixed to the main entrance of the Schedule Property in addition to being resent by R.P.A.D. for your compliance in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of ground floor portion of the property bearing No. 39 (old No.8/10), situated at 1st Cross, N.S. Playa, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Nagara, B.T.M. Layout 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 076, measuring 1100 square feet being a commercial premises and bounded on the – East by: Private Property; West by: 20 feet road; North by : N. S. Palya Main Road South by : Private Property

Sd/-
V. Sanjay Krishna, Advocate
M/s. TRIALBASE
No.1/1, Ground Floor, Unity Buildings Annexe (West Wing), Dr. P. Kalinga Rao Road (Mission Road), Bengaluru - 560 027
Mob: 97400 12006
Date : 30/08/2022

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
ISRO Head Quarters, Antariksh Bhavan, New BEL Road, Bengaluru-560 094.
Ph: 080-22172033/2032/2476 Fax No.: 080-2351 3126

E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of President of India, **item rate e-tenders** are invited for following work:

Title of Work	**Modification of ILC Guest House at Khar West, Mumbai - Electrical Works.**
Name of work	**CMG/ISRO-HQ/E/C/M/01/2022-23 dated: 01.09.2022**
Estimated Cost put ot tender	**Rs.18.00 lakhs**
Period of Completion in months	**Three (03) Months**
Period during which tender documents can be downloaded	**From 18:10 Hrs on 01.09.2022 To: 23:59 Hrs on 14.09.2022**
Last date & time for receipt of tenders	**up to 14.30 hrs on 16.09.2022**
Due date & time of opening of tenders	**16:00 Hrs on 16.09.2022**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 36,000/-**

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Tender Notice on **www.isro.gov.in/tender** Detailed tender notice and tender documents can be downloaded from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Group Head, CMG, ISRO HQ

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
KARNATAKA RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PROJECT DIVISION, BIDAR

NO. EE/P.D/BIDAR/T.A/KKRDB/TENDER/2022-23/ 456 DATE: 30/08/2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka transparency act 1999 and rules 2000 Tenders called for the following works in public procurement portal, from the eligible contractors. For more details please log on to website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in .

1) Last date for submission of Tenders through public procurement. 14-09-2022 at 4.30 pm. 2) Opening of technical bid.: 16-09-2022 at 11.00 am.

1) Name of work: Impts. to road from Rudnoor to Rudnoor thanda (4.50Km), Bhatambra to Telgaon (4.00km), Nelwad to Chalkapur (3.14km), Halhalli thanda to NH-65 (1.58km) and Warwatti to Uccha via Halgorta (3.44km) in Bhlaki Tq. (Indent No.5501). Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Laksh)-200.93, EMD (in Rupees) -301394.00, Tender period including monsoon-6 Months,

2) Construction of Road from Kabirabadwadi to Namdapur Km 0.00 to 4.00 and Borampalli to Chitkota Km 0.00 to 3.20 in Humnabad Tq. (Indent No.5517), Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Laksh)-96.23, EMD (in Rupees)-192470.00, Tender period including monsoon-6 Months.

DIPR/Bidar/207/MC&A/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Division, Bidar.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
Ernakulam Junction
TENDER NOTICE

1) TENDER NOTICE NO: CE/CN/ERS/SD/EPC/05/dated 20.08.2022 NAME OF WORK: Re-Development of Kanniyakumari Station. Tender Value: **Rs. 54.98 Cr** Bid Security: **Rs. 27,49,000/-** Completion Period: **19 Months.** Pre-Bid Meeting: **05.09.2022.** Date and Time of Tender Closing: **26.09.2022,15:00 Hrs**

2) TENDER NOTICE NO: CE-CN-ERS-SD-10-2022 date 12.08.2022 NAME OF WORK: Consultancy for Re-development of Thrissur Railway station. Tender Value: **Rs. 50,63,030/-** Bid Security: **Rs. 1,01,300/-** Completion Period: **240 days.** Pre-Bid Meeting: **02.09.2022.** Date and Time of Tender Closing: **23.09.2022,15:00 Hrs**

3) TENDER NOTICE NO: 16-CE-CN-ERS-2022-OT dated 29.08.2022 NAME OF WORK: Construction of Road Over Bridges. Tender Value: **Rs.1,240.58 Lakhs.** Bid security **Rs.7,70,300/-** Completion Period: **12 Months.** Date and Time of Tender Closing: **26.09.2022, 15:00 Hrs.**

Complete details and tender document will be available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in.**

Chief Engineer, (Construction), Ernakulam Jn.

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/AEE-1/F-114/22-23/Cys-43 Date: 30.08.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Mode Only)

E-Tenders are invited in the prescribed form from Reputed Electrical Contractor possessing super Grade Electrical Contractor License for the following works.

Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/24 dt: 24.08.2022 for Tender for **providing 06 Nos. of Intermediate Tower on 220kV Davangere-Shivamogga DC Line on DC tower between Location No: 88-242 (In between Loc No: 88-242 (88-89, 110-111, 179-180, 238-239, 240-241 and 241-242) coming under 220kV Benkikere Division including supply of all Matching Materials/ Equipments and Erection (Including Civil Works) of all Materials/Equipments on Total Turnkey Basis.**

For further details prospective bidders are advised to log on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** & click on to hyperlink **e-Procurement-kptcl** to participate in e-Procurement portal **on or after 01.09.2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Tr (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Hadadi Road, Opp. Stadium, Davangere-577004. Ph: 08192-250774

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWD Bangalore Division, 2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building, K.R.Circle, Bangalore-560001. Ph : 080-22133370 Fax : 080-22133365

Corrigendum Notification No: 10-02/2022-23 Dated: 01-09-2022

With reference to this office Tender Notification No.: **10-01/2022-23 Dated : 22.08.2022** Corrigendum is issued for the following works with the Calendar of events as mentioned below:

For Sl. No. 7 Work (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from Dated : **01.09.2022** onwards. **(2)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **16:00 hours** on dated **15.09.2022 (3)** The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated **16.09.2022** at **16.30 hours** or further date and time to be intimated.

Note : All other conditions of tender notification remain unaltered.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
DIPR/CP/2027/Sreshta/2022-23 **PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore**

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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Executive Engineer, MPED-C, Annex-2 Building, Ground Floor, BBMP Head Office Premises, NR Square, Bangalore-560 002.

No. EE/MPED-C/TEND/07/2022-23 **Date: 01.09.2022**

SECTION-1 INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (SINGLE COVER SYSTEM) (Short Term-Tender Notification) (Through GoK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, MPED-C, invites tenders on behalf of the Hon'ble Chief Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tender through E-Procurement portal of Government of Karnataka (viz:https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause-3 of the instructions to tenderers to qualify for award of the contract.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. In Lakhs)	EMD (In Rs.)
1.	Special Repairs to Store Room in main Building at HO Premises	7.97	20,000/-
2.	Special Repairs works to Hon'ble Special Commissioner (Estate) office at Annex-3 Building in HO Premises	20.36	40,800/-

Cost of tender form : As per e-procurement portal
Period of Completion : 3 Months (including Monsoon period).
Calendar of Events: (1) Availability of tender documents: 02.09.2022 onwards. (2) Last date for uploading the filled proposals: 16.09.2022 up to 17:30 hrs. (3) Opening of proposals: 17.09.2022 at 17:30 hrs. (4) Last date for receipt of queries : 07.09.2022 before 17:30 hrs through E-Procurement portal only.

Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer MPED-C

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, JUMANA Najmuddin Rampurawala, R/a No.61, 3rd Main Road, Samrat Layout, Arekere, Bengaluru-560076 have changed my name to Jumana Liyaqatdar vide affidavit dt: 01.09.2022 sworn before Notary R.Basavaraja, B'lore

WE DEEPAK Kumar and Sangeetha M.S, R/o #9/4 & 10/4, 1st Cross, Near Shirdi Sai Baba Temple, Cambridge Layout, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008, have changed our minor Daughter's name from Vyshnavi to Vyshnavi.D vide affidavit dated 01-09-2022 before Notary Public A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, H.SHAHEEN Kouser, W/o Ghouse Pasha, R/a #5-838 Madeena Manzil ward NO.27, Shanthi nagar, Chintamani Town, Chikkaballapura District, Karnataka-563125 have changed my name from H.Shaheen Kowser to H.Shaheen Kouser vide affidavit dt: 01.09.2022 sworn before Notary Ramachandrappa.C, B'lore.

I, Naresh Babu alias Naresh Babu M alias Naresh M alias Naresh Babu Mohan Babu alias M Naresh Babu S/o Mohan Babu, R/o: Mohan Babu, Shriram Summit Wing No16, Flat No 1302, Electronic City Phase 1, Bangalore, Bengaluru- 560100, changed my name to Naresh M for all purposes.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHILPA Nathmal Shah, R/a No.Flat D-603, Mantri Greens, No.1, Sampige road, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560003 have changed my name to Shilpa Prakash Kochar vide affidavit dt: 01.09.2022 sworn before Notary Smt.A.Manjula, B'lore.

I, DAISY Margaret.D, W/o Sham Mohan, R/@ No.22, 1st Main Gandhipuram, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066 have changed my name from Daisy Margaret D to Daisy Mohan vide affidavit dated 01/09/2022, sworn to before Notary Public, T.C.Thimmaraja, Bangalore.

I, AATHULLA Khan Pasha, R/o No.409, 5th Cross, Yalahanka Main Road, Noor Nagar, Chokkanahalli, Bengaluru-560077 have changed my name to Atta Ulla Khan Pasha vide affidavit dt: 01.09.2022 sworn before Notary R.Basavaraja, B'lore

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-58)
O.S. NO. 26468/2020

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G.
AND
Mr. Santosh Kumar Jain, S/o. Mr. Nagaraju, Aged about 34 years, 1, Old Yellappa Building, Near Pinakini Apartment, Belathuru, Kadugodi, Bangalore-560 067.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 2,77,762.25/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two and Paise Twenty Five Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 26468/2020** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-58** before 57th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 10th Day of October 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 20th day of August 2022.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall, BENGALURU- 560 001

FX & Co., ADVOCATES, New No.9, Old No. 11/1 Gover Road, Cox Town, BENGALURU- 560 005.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25344/2019

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore 560 001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Sandeep. D ...Plaintiff
V/s.
Mr. M.D. Mashieh Uddin Ali ...Defendant

Summons To Defendant

Mr. M.D. Mashieh Uddin Ali, S/o. Mohammed Serag Ali, Aged About 33 Years, No.900/A, 13th Main, 5th Cross, Srinivas Nagar, Bangalore- 560 050.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 6,93,526.50/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Six and Paise Fifty Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25344/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20,** Before 26th Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 17th Day of October 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 17th day of August 2022.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall, BENGALURU- 560 001

FX & Co., ADVOCATES, New No.9, Old No. 11/1 Gover Road, Cox Town, BENGALURU- 560 005.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 26328/2018

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Sandeep D ...Plaintiff
V/s.
Ms. Jennifer Isai Arasi ...Defendant

Summons to Defendant

Ms. Jennifer Isai Arasi D/o. Ramamurthy Joel Christopher, Aged About 30 Years, No. 10, West Road, Austin Town, Vivek Nagar, Bangalore- 560 047.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 3,85,662.29/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Two Paise Twenty Nine Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 26328/2018** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH- 20,** Before 26th Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 13th Day of October 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 20th day of August 2022.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall, BENGALURU- 560 001

FX & Co., ADVOCATES, New No.9, Old No. 11/1, Gover Road, Cox Town, BENGALURU-560 005.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. NO. 26470/2020

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore 560 001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
V/s.
Mr. Dayananda P. ...Defendant

Summons To Defendant

Mr. Dayananda P. S/o. Palanethraiah, Aged About 29 Years, No. 7, 5th Temple Road, Kodandaramapur Bangalore- 560 003.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 2,67,207.88/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Seven and Paise Eighty Eight Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 26470/2020** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-74,** before Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 13th Day of September, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 25/08/2022

By the order of
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court Mayo Hall BENGALURU-560001

FX & CO., ADVOCATES, New No. 9, Old No. 11/1 Gover Road, Cox Town, BENGALURU-560 005.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)
O.S. NO. 25832/2021

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore 560 001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
V/s.
Mrs. Vanaja K.P. ...Defendant

Summons To Defendant

Mrs. Vanaja. K.P. D/o. Mr. Prakash, Aged About 33 Years, No. 129, Muneshwara Layout, 1st Cross, Devachikkanahalli Main Road, Bangalore- 560 068.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 7,40,001.98/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Forty Thousand and One and Paise Ninety Eight Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25832/2021** and same is pending adjudication before 72nd Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge Court, **CCH-73,** Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 30th Day of September 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 26th day of August 2022.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall, BENGALURU- 560 001

FX & Co., ADVOCATES, New No.9, Old No. 11/1 Gover Road, Cox Town, BENGALURU- 560 005.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public at large that my client Smt. Padma G.S. (w/o M.L. Balakrishna) aged 59 years residing at 687 old panchayat road, Anjaneya temple road, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru 560022 (Phone No. 7337674891/ 7411503781) expresses her willingness to purchase a property which belongs to Mr. J. Chandra Gandhi Nehru (s/o C.S.Jayaraman) property at no. 80, 5th Cross Lakhmi Layout, Abbigere, P.O.-Bengaluru 560090. Any person/s claiming their right, interest over the property may send their objections to below address or Phone no. within 15 days and no claim will be entertained thereafter.

H.P.Raamaanjaneeya, Bsc, LLB, Advocate & Consultant
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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Club is scheduled to be held on Saturday, the 24th September 2022 at 10:35 a.m. to transact the agenda as set out in the Notice calling for the AGM.

Notice dated 29.7.2022 was dispatched to all members by Registered Post / Courier on 1st September 2022

The Club is providing the facility of voting through electronic means ("remote e-voting") in compliance with Sec.108 of the Companies Act 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014. The business as set out in the aforesaid Notice will be transacted through electronic voting facility provided by M/s Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL). The Executive Committee has appointed Sri K.M.Subheramaniam, Advocate, as Scrutinizer to oversee the remote e-voting.

The remote e-voting period begins on Wednesday, 21.9.2022 (9.00 a.m.) and ends on Friday, 23.09.2022 (5.00 p.m.). The e-voting module shall be disabled for voting after 5.00 PM on 23.09.2022 During this period, Members whose name appear in the Register of Members as on 03.09.2022 and those who are eligible as per Article-48 only shall be entitled to exercise their vote through e-voting process.

Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting may attend the Meeting but shall not be allowed to vote again in the meeting. The members attending the meeting who have not already cast their vote by remote e-voting can exercise their right to vote at the meeting. The facility for voting by manual ballot will be made available at the meeting venue.

The notice of the meeting is displayed in the club's website www.cosmopolitanclubchennai.com and the e-voting website of CDSL: www.evotingindia.com. In case of grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Manager, (CDSL) Central Depository Services (India) Limited, "A" Wing 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai-400013 or send an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or call on 022-23058738 / 022-23058542/43

/ By order of the Executive Committee /
K Sunderesworan
President

Place: Chennai
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Rain intensity reduces, but flooding continues on ORR

Traffic still crippled on the road

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BENGALURU

Despite the intensity of the rains reducing in Bengaluru on Thursday morning, the Outer Ring Road (ORR) was still flooded, making it difficult for motorists.

Traffic was still crippled on the ORR owing to water from the Savalakere lake overflowing into a nearby drain, following rains starting on Tuesday, resulting in flooding on the roads.

ORR was flooded owing to water from the Savalakere overflowing into a nearby drain, following rains. • FILE PHOTO

Though the intensity of the rains has reduced since, there was at least 2 feet of water on the ORR, starting from the Silk Board junction to Bellandur, Marathahalli, and Sarjapura Road, making it impossible for two-wheelers to pass through.

The flooding caused slow-moving traffic on the ORR, especially near Ecospace, a tech park. Residents say that the lake is overflowing after the rains and the stormwater drain (SWD) is not able to handle the inflow, which is resulting in flooding on the ORR.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mahadevaswamy, resident of Bellandur, said, "This is not the first time that the ORR is flooded and the Savalakere is overflowing. In 2017, a similar situation happened, but the agency concerned did not take any measures to solve the issue".

"The civic body should make sure that illegal encroachments on the SWD are removed and also make the SWD big enough to handle the lake water to flow. The removal of silt and sludge from the SWD are also not done properly by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and this has led to such a situation, where the whole stretch looks like a river," he added.

The situation was the same on the Silk Board junction, one of the most infamous traffic junctions in the city. Starting from BTM Circle towards 100 Feet Ring Road to Silk Board junction, flooding was seen near the ongoing metro construction site on the stretch.

Sharavana Kumara, a motorist, said, "Already, the road had a lot of potholes and the metro construction is also going on. Adding to this, rainwater has flooded the whole stretch, leading to a harrowing experience while driving on the stretch".

After repeated complaints about the ORR flooding after rains on Thursday, hours before the Chief Minister's visit to the areas, the BBMP started culvert work on the SWD near Ecospace on ORR.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, BBMP Chief Engineer (Stormwater Drains) M. Lokesh said, "The water is exceeding the capacity of the SWDs in the area due to the overflow of the lake. Now, we are constructing the culvert".

The BBMP also started identifying illegal encroachments near the SWD and the lake. "We are exploring whether there is any encroachment by conducting a survey. We will get a clear picture about it and if any illegal encroachments are found in the survey, we will work on removing them," he added.

Companies on ORR suggest staff to work from home

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The ORR houses many IT and multinational companies and most of them on Thursday asked their employees to work from home (WFH), after the roads were still waterlogged.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Krishna Kumar Gowda, operations manager, Outer Ring Road Companies' Association (ORRCA), said, "Many companies on the stretch have instructed their employees to WFH since the water on the road had not decreased. Anyway, there were not many people affected on Wednesday as it was a holiday due to Ganesh Chaturthi and many employees had also decided to opt for WFH, since they knew that they would be stuck in the traffic jams."

A HSR Layout traffic police official said that the water flow has slightly reduced and vehicles can move in a single lane near Ecospace at ORR.

Meanwhile, two traffic police personnel were seen clearing the drain vent on the waterlogged stretch near Ecospace, Bellandur, on Thursday morning.

The Rainbow Drive Layout in Sarjapur Road was flooded after heavy rains. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

RAIN MISERY

Senior citizen stuck in flooded house dies of heart attack in Rainbow Drive Layout

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

An 86-year-old resident died of a heart attack at his flooded house in Rainbow Drive Layout on Sarjapura Road on Tuesday, after his family could not shift him to the hospital immediately since the entire area was flooded following heavy rains.

After heavy rains on Monday and Tuesday, Rainbow Drive Layout was flooded after a drain overflowed again, according to the residents. This is the third time the residential layout was flooded since May this year.

The victim was identified as Srinivasan Ramarao. On Tuesday, he suffered a heart attack at his residence. As there was water everywhere, he had to be ferried in an inflatable boat till the main gate of the layout. But the doctor at the hospital declared him brought dead, said residents.

The residents said that the water level in the layout had not yet decreased and the situation is the same, despite the rains having reduced on Thursday morning.

Rajeshwari, a resident, said, "Many of our houses are flooded and we could celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi this year. Most of the houses have flooded so much that residents can't use the washrooms and a few are complaining that their electronic items have been damaged".

Another resident said that this has been the case since last month whenever it rains. "We have not celebrated Varalakshmi Vrata, which was on August 5, when the layout was flooded and now we couldn't celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi also," she added.

The layout in east Bengaluru has over 350 houses, which has been facing major flooding since last May, which residents attribute to rainwater from the surrounding villages of Junnasandra and Halanayakanahalli being diverted into their area.

Meanwhile, the residents had to use tractors and boats from their houses to the main gate to negotiate the stagnant rainwater.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, BBMP Special Commissioner, Mahadevapura zone, Trilok Chandra said that notices have been served to those who have encroached upon drains near the Rainbow Drive layout by the Bengaluru east tahsildar. "We also deployed BBMP officials to make sure that the water is pumped out from the layout campus whenever it rains and take all precautions," Mr. Chandra added.

Earlier, in the first week of August, residents of the layout took to the streets in protest against the civic authorities' apathy. According to residents, the gated community was constructed about 25 years ago.

Bommai orders removal of encroachments on SWDs

Revenue Minister says government will mercilessly remove properties blocking rainwater flow

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Days after rains affected various parts of East and South-East Bengaluru, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai visited the affected areas on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Bommai visited an apartment in Marathahalli first at 3.30 p.m., and then visited Whitefield and inspected various stormwater drains (SWD). According to the Chief Minister's office, he instructed officials to remove the encroachments on the SWD, which caused the flooding in various areas after the recent rains. After that, he visited the Varthur lake, one of the largest waterbodies in Bengaluru South taluk, and discussed with officials on the water flow after the rains.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai inspecting rain-affected areas at Mahadevapura on Thursday.

The Chief Minister also visited Sai Layout, Ecospace near Bellandur, and the Outer Ring Road (ORR) to take stock of the situation. Later, he held a meeting with all civic agency officials along with local residents at a convention hall in Marathahalli. The Chief Minister scheduled the inspection after an outcry on social media against the government's apathy on Bengaluru's IT corridor.

After the high-level meeting between the Chief Minister and officials regarding the flood situation in Bengaluru, Revenue Minister R. Ashok said that the government has decided to mercilessly remove properties blocking rainwater flow and SWDs in the city.

Speaking to reporters, Mr. Ashok said, "Our civic body officers have identified 10 bottlenecks in the city and in a day or two, we will start the demolition drive of illegal encroachments. We have told the officers to be merciless while implementing the drive without attending to any phone calls". "Action will be taken under the Disaster Management Act to remove all blocks, causing water stagnation due to encroachment," he added.

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TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

Ranchi, Date: 23.08.2022

NIB No: - GRDA/Yoj/Rev.MP/01/2022- 01, Dated:27.06.2022
Tender ID.: 2022_GRDAL_59998_1
Ref. PR No.: 272568
Work Title: - "FOR THE SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR THE REVISION OF MASTER PLAN AND PLANNING, DESIGNING and DETAIL ENGINEERING OF ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS OF CORE CAPITAL AREA OF JHARKHAND AT SITE I, HEC AREA RANCHI".

In view of lack of required number of qualifying bidders, the tender (**Tender ID.: 2022_GRDAL_59998_1, published on 14.07.2022**) by this office vide **NIB No.** GRDA/Yoj/Rev.MP/01/2022-01, Dated:27.06.2022 for above mentioned work is hereby cancelled.

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PR No- 268173 Dated. 11.04.2022

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1	2	3	4	8	9
Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	**02.09.2022 at 10.30 AM**	**09.09.2022 upto 5.00 PM**	**10.09.2022 at 5.00 PM**	To be informed later

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Chief Engineer
JSRRDA, Ranchi

PR 276822 (Rural Work Department)22-23°D

FROM PAGE ONE

Metro works come to a halt

Under Phase 2 A and B, the BMRCL is constructing the elevated metro line from Central Silk Board to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) via K.R. Puram, Nagawara, and Hebbal.

Anjum Parwez, MD, BMRCL, said, "The city has received more rainfall than normal for almost over three months now. Even during summer, we saw heavy rainfall. When it rains heavily, the piling works get impacted. We were going at full swing, especially on the ORR from Central Silk Board to K.R. Puram, where we had all the clearances for carrying out the metro work, but now the pace of work is getting impacted".

The incessant rains is also impacting metro construction work on the ORR-airport line. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

The BMRCL had set a 2024 deadline for completing the work. The official maintained that the loss of time in construction will not have a huge impact in the completion of the civil works.

On the ORR-airport line, over 4,000 construction workers are on the task of building a 55-km elevated corridor. An official of the BMRCL said, "When it rains, movement of heavy machinery becomes a challenge. We have to also ensure the safety of workers at the site".

The official added that already over 100 piers had already come up between K.R. Puram and Silk Board.

After the start of the work, the BMRCL is under pressure to expedite it, as motorists are having a harrowing time.

After the work began on the median of the ORR, the roads have become narrower. Heavy rains also resulted in a deterioration of the road condition on the ORR and connecting roads.

On the other hand, the BMRCL is aiming at opening the Baiyappanahalli-Whitefield line for commercial operations by December.

The MD said that traction and signalling works were impacted due to the heavy rains. "As of now, we are hopeful of meeting the deadline. As soon as there is a dry spell, we continue the work. We are spending our resources to make this line operational as per our plans," said the MD.

The stretch is an extension of the Purple Line. Opening this line would benefit residential areas in Whitefield and those working in IT companies.

SIK sees 186% departure from normal rain in August

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

As parts of the State are still reeling under the impact of unprecedented rainfall, South-Interior Karnataka (SIK) in August recorded 186% departure from the normal levels.

According to data of the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC), in August, the State recorded actual rainfall of 294 mm as against the normal 220 mm, with departure from normal being 33%, classified under the 'excess' category.

For the South-West monsoon, from June 1 to August 31, the State recorded actual rainfall of 833 mm, as against the normal of 691 mm, with the departure from normal being 21%, and classified under the 'excess' category. This was after the State, in June, recorded actual rainfall of 156 mm, as against the normal of 199 mm, with the departure from normal being 22%, and classified under the 'deficit' category.

In July, the State recorded actual rainfall of 383 mm, as against the normal rainfall of 271 mm, with a 41% departure from normal, and being classified under the 'excess' category.

In August, the State recorded actual rainfall of 294 mm as against the normal of 220 mm.

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A still from *Natchathiram Nagargirathu*.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

Pa. Ranjith: the game changer of Tamil cinema

The filmmaker's success over a decade has ensured that Dalit culture, traditions and anti-caste politics have become an important part of the mainstream

THE GIST

- Ranjith has put anti-caste politics in the front and centre of Tamil cinema, which had previously normalised the glorification of dominant and upper caste characters and feudal society that they inhabit.
- He has steadily featured assertive Dalit characters, who swear by their anti-caste politics inspired by B.R. Ambedkar and many other Tamil political icons such as Iyothee Thass.
- His success in mainstream Tamil cinema has meant that Dalit culture, traditions and anti-caste politics have become an important part of the mainstream.

UDHAV NAIG

Filmmaker Pa. Ranjith emerged onto the scene 10 years ago but Tamil cinema is still grappling with the unprecedented impact he continues to have on film narratives, culture and politics. In just 10 years, Pa. Ranjith has put anti-caste politics in the front and centre of Tamil cinema, which had previously normalised the glorification of dominant and upper caste characters and feudal society that they inhabit, their lives and culture.

In the 1990s and 2000s, Tamil cinema was churning out movies that were centred around a dominant caste – a male with immense social power within the village. Films such as *Ejamaan*, *Nattamai*, *Chinna Gounder*, *Thevar Magan* and others justified the caste – Hindu male's glory and power derived from the remnants of the feudal system and the narratives would typically call the audience to imagine the past in the present. These films have had a deep social and political impact, particularly in the southern and western districts of Tamil Nadu, where each of the socially and politically dominant castes had their own on-screen heroes.

Foregrounding Dalits

Ranjith's success in mainstream Tamil cinema has meant that Dalit culture, traditions and anti-caste politics have become an important part of the mainstream. Credit to Ranjith, the filmmakers of today – both young and old – are bound by the code of social justice and it is no more acceptable to portray Dalit characters, women, transgenders, queer from the disadvantaged sections of the society negatively on screen.

When producers were reluctant to fund these movies, the success of Ranjith's movies had opened up the space for filmmakers from disadvantaged sections to tell their stories.

Right from his film *Attakathi*, though not as stridently political or ideological as his other films, Pa. Ranjith has steadily featured assertive Dalit characters, who swear by their anti-caste politics inspired by B.R. Ambedkar and many other Tamil political icons such as Iyothee Thass and so on.

While *Attakathi*, which was an enjoyable film about a youth failing repeatedly in pursuit of love, showcased the colourful life and culture in the villages around Chennai, it wasn't noticed for these reasons.

It was his second film, *Madras*, featuring actor Karthi, which put Ranjith on the map for his politics. It was a searing critique of Dravidian politics from the ground-up. It featured ambitious and politically conscious Dalit characters and its narrative critiqued mainstream Tamil politics for setting aside its emancipatory ideals for meagre political gains. The film notably re-imagined 'North Madras' as a place where software engineers, and hip-hop artists thrive rather than as a den of rowdies and drug peddlers.

Flagging key demands

Though his next two films were with actor Rajinikanth, who is the most saleable actor in Tamil cinema at the time, he still managed to flag issues about land rights, which is one of the central demands of Dalits.

Set in the Emergency era, Ranjith's *Sarpatta Parambarai* focussed on the boxing culture and traditions of North Madras. In this film, he explored the impact of Dravidian politics and showcased the impact the split of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) (into DMK and AIADMK) had on families and politics. Sarpatta... is one of Ranjith's complete films both politically and aesthetically. The Dalit protagonist's journey from a wide-eyed and hardworking protege to a wayward path and finally to redemption by self motivation captures Ranjith's Ambedkarite message and provides a thorough character arc.

Despite working with mainstream actors with a huge fan base, Ranjith's movies reshaped the ethos of the traditional hero. While the heroes in the 1990s and 2000s would discipline the women in their house, Ranjith's heroes would often learn from the women in their lives. Kaali from *Madras*, Karikaalan from *Kaala* and Kabilan from *Sarpatta Parambarai* were regular men who were shown vulnerable on screen. His politically conscious and considerate protagonists do not derive their strength from toxic masculinity.

Ranjith's latest movie, *Natchathiram Nagargiradhu*, is perhaps his boldest and the most experimental he has ever been in his career. This film is a collision of different worldviews – a woke progressive collective theatre group is forced to deal with a deeply conservative aspiring film actor as they try to stage a play about love and how society negotiates love when it steps outside traditional social boundaries. In this film, he has also boldly hit back against allegations of 'Nadaga Kadhal' by conservatives, Tamil Nadu's version of 'Love Jihad', where Dalit boys were accused of deliberately picking caste-Hindu girls to marry them.

Interestingly, *Natchathiram Nagargiradhu* also looks inward – it critiques progressive spaces for their 'hardened values' of political correctness and forces them to question their own biases.

While he has faced criticism that his politics in movies and his speeches in real-life have been debated more in press and elsewhere than his filmmaking craft, he has addressed it in his last two movies – *Sarpatta Parambarai* and *Natchathiram Nagargirathu*.

Sarpatta Parambarai was a pure no-frills attached genre-film (a sports drama) and the latest film is an experimental film which tries to build a bridge between cinema and theatre.

Ranjith's work in the last 10 years has opened up the space for other filmmakers with similar political leanings to break into Tamil cinema. Ranjith has not stopped with just films; he has also founded Neelam Panpattu Maiyam (Neelam Cultural Centre), which promotes arts, education and culture focussed on anti-caste politics.

Neelam Productions has produced some really notable films such as *Pariyerum Perumal*, *Irandam UlagaPorin Kadaisi Gundu*, *Writer*, *Seththumaan*, *Kuthiraivaal* and others.

Filmmaker Mari Selvaraj has been one of the most promising filmmakers who has emerged from Neelam Productions. His films, *Pariyerum Perumal* and *Karnan*, which speak about the struggles and triumphs of Dalits living in southern districts of Tamil Nadu, received rave reviews and were hugely successful at the box office.

One of the recent films, *Writer*, made by Franklin Jacob, spoke about the struggles faced by a Dalit-Christian youth after he is caught in a police conspiracy. Filmmaker Vetrimaaran's recent smash hit, *Asuran*, which told the story of a Dalit father fighting to keep his son safe, was yet another reminder that Ranjith has altered the landscape of Tamil cinema irrevocably.

Facing a push-back

Ranjith's success has also led to a push-back from the conservatives. Several films such as *Draupathi* and *Rudra Thandavam* were against Dalit politics, Dalit leaders and political parties by reiterating the political conspiracies put forward by conservative parties such as 'Nadaga Kadhal'.

There is a scene in *Natchathiram Nagargirathu* where Rene (the protagonist) takes a deeply conservative dominant caste male, Arjun (Kalaiyarasan) for a meal and tells him, point blank, that she eats beef and she is an Ambedkarite, making him uncomfortable and making him almost say, "Why did you have to say this? Why can't you just keep quiet?"

This scene pretty much encapsulates Ranjith's career; he makes direct, uncompromising and uncomfortably anti-caste movies. And he is winning.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"Sir, I am going to Vijayawada for attending a wedding."

"Good. So you are going to Vijayawada to attend a wedding.

You are going there to attend a wedding and 'not for attending a wedding'.

Ha is coming here to take his examination and not for taking his examination.

He has gone there to attend a conference and not he has gone there for attending a conference.

But you can say, 'He has gone there for a conference'.

He has come here for a check-up.

She has gone there for a wedding.

He is coming hare to attend a meeting or he is coming here for a meeting."

"Sir, is it 'congratulate on' or 'congratulate for'?"

"It is 'congratulate on'.

I congratulated him on his success in the examination.

We all congratulated her on her election to the Lok Sabha.

'Congratulate' goes with 'on'. I hope you understand."

"Yes, sir. What's the meaning of 'scandalise', sir?"

"'Scandal' is generally used In the sense of 'true or false talk which brings harm or disrespect to another person'.

His hobby is spreading scandals about others.

Everyone loves to listen to scandals about others.

A scandal sheet is a newspaper that publishes sensational or scandalous stories. A person who spreads scandals about others is called a scandalmonger. 'Monger' means 'trader, dealer', he is a dealer in a specific commodity. You have fishmongers, ironmongers, oilmongers and so on. The word 'monger' is not used an independent word. It appears only as a second element in a compound. When it is used figuratively, it has a bad connotation.

Examples are warmonger and gossipmonger.

'Scandal' also means 'offence to moral feeling or sense of decency'.

His life is an open scandal.

'Scandalise' does not mean 'to spread scandal'. 'Scandalise' means to offend, to shock by some action considered improper or outrageous'.

He scandalised the religious group by his talk on birth control.

He felt scandalised when he was offered a bribe."

"Sir, how do you pronounce 'housewife'?"

"When 'housewife' refers to 'the woman directing household affairs', it is pronounced in the way 'house' and 'wife' are normally pronounced. That is, 'house' rhymes with 'mouse' and 'wife' with 'life'.

'Housewife' is one word and the stress is on the first syllable 'house'.

A pocket-size container for carrying sewing equipment like needles, thread and scissors is also called 'housewife'.

But it is pronounced 'huzif', 'huz' rhymes with 'buzz'. So don't call a 'housewife' a 'huzif'. She will needle you.

There is another word 'hussy'. It means a worthless woman or an ill-mannered girl.

The naughtier the hussy behaved, the prettier she looked.

Let me stop here. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Mikhail Gorbachev, the last Soviet president, passed away on August 30, 2022. Here's a quiz on the Soviet leader

1 Mikhail Gorbachev's early years coincided with a period known as the 'Great Purge', which lasted from August 1936 to March 1938. Which leader is this period associated with and what was its objective?

2 Why was 'glasnost' adopted by Gorbachev as a policy and political slogan?

3 One of the novelists read by Gorbachev in his youth was a Russian writer known for works such as 'The Nose'. Name the writer.

4 Name the liberal political party formed between 2008 and 2009 by Gorbachev and business oligarch Alexander Lebedev.

5 Identify this failed coup of 1991, which was an attempt by hardliners of the Soviet Union's Communist Party to forcibly seize control of the country from Gorbachev.

6 In 1990, Gorbachev was awarded this prestigious prize for "his leading role in the peace process". Name the prize.

7 Identify the political reform movement initiated by Gorbachev to restructure the Soviet political system.

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◄ Pictured on the left is Gorbachev with his granddaughter, featured in a 1998 television advertisement. Which multinational restaurant chain was the commercial shot for? • WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:

1. The much-loved God was not 'born' like other human beings. How did he manifest? **Ans: He was given form and life from Parvati's body paste**
2. Who decapitated Ganesha in anger? **Ans: His father Shiva**
3. Because of which pronounced features is Ganesha also called Lambodhara and Vakratunda? **Ans: Big (pot) belly and curved trunk**
4. Name the Indian freedom fighter who made Ganesh Utsav a large event. **Ans: Bal Gangadhar Tilak**
5. Name Ganesha's two wives. **Ans: Riddhi and Siddhi**
6. For which epic was Ganesha the scribe and what did he use as a stylus to pen the monumental work? **Ans: The Mahabharata and a piece of his tusk**

Visual: How is the God referred to in the most famous Ganesha pandal in South Mumbai. **Ans: Lalbaugcha Raja**

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Man who posed as railway staff and smuggled marijuana held

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Upparpet police arrested a 25-year-old man who was posing as a railway employee and smuggling marijuana from Assam to Bengaluru.

- The accused, Ashwaq M. Sheikh from Mysuru, used a fake ID card as a TC and moved in trains.

The accused, Ashwaq M. Sheikh from Mysuru, was arrested after the police arrested a group of four addicts at a lodge in Gandhinagar on Monday.

Based on their information, the police tracked down Sheikh and were shocked to learn how he smuggled marijuana from his source in Assam.

According to the police, Sheikh used a fake ID card as a TC and moved in trains. He would supervise the cleaning staff in AC coaches and conceal the drugs in the coaches.

After the train reached Bengaluru, the accused would again visit the same coach and get the packets out with the help of the cleaning staff.

The accused has been booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and further investigations are on to ascertain his network.

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Fine for those who park under flyovers during rains

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Those who park their vehicles under underpasses and flyovers and seek shelter from the rain, will now be penalised by the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) on the charge of obstruction of traffic for safety reasons.

The decision has been taken after a total of four cases were registered in the city in the last two months, where two-wheeler riders and pedestrians suffered serious injuries while standing under underpasses.

The fine amount will be ₹500 for first-time offenders. If the violation is repeated, a case will be booked under IPC Section 283 (danger or obstruction in public way or line of navigation).

"In the rainy season, motorists cannot see those parked on the roads (under flyovers and underpasses) in this manner, due to dull lighting and rainfall. As a result, even if the drivers brake as soon as they see the parked vehicles, their vehicle does not stop immediately, and hence, accidents occur," said B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda, Joint Commissioner (Traffic), Bengaluru, in a release on Thursday. The four cases were registered in the jurisdictions of the High Grounds, Kumaraswamy Layout, K.R. Puram, and Jeevan Bima Nagar traffic police stations.

"Despite deploying officers at these places to inform commuters not to park their vehicles, they still do so and are putting themselves and others in danger. This is why, they will be penalised henceforth," Mr. Gowda further said. However, this move has not gone down well, as it is quite common in the city for two-wheeler riders to wait out the rain under these structures.

"The rains in Bengaluru are so sudden sometimes and we immediately go to the nearest shelter point to avoid getting drenched. It is not possible to find a bus shelter or a shop where we can stand. Now if we will get fined for standing under underpasses and flyovers, then let them fine the civic bodies also as it is their fault that roads get waterlogged and we are forced to find shelter until the water recedes," said Suhas Krishna, a techie from Rajarajeshwari Nagar.

"I drive my two-wheeler for 15 km everyday for work. If it rains, I stop my vehicle and stand under flyovers with my umbrella. As it is advised to not take shelter under trees or in any other open spaces during thunderstorms, where else are we supposed to go?," asked Manasa D., a private firm employee from Kaggadasapura.

BTP officials said it is not their intention to trouble people when it is raining. "This problem of parking vehicles under underpasses for a long duration is existent even when it is not raining. We will first make an announcement to move the vehicles and only if they do not move, will they be levied fines,"said Kuldeep Kumar Jain, DCP (Traffic), West Division.

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SRI RAMA Lalitha Kala Mandira, BSK II Stage, Bangalore – 560 070 is organizing a grand music concert to celebrate 106th Birthday of Dr. M.S. Subbulakshmi on 4th September 2022, Sunday at 5.30 p.m. Venue : Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira Concert Hall. Vocal duet by Smt. S. Aishwarya & Kum. S. Soundarya (Great grand daughters of Dr.M.S.Subbulakshmi), Mattur Viswajit-Violin, Phanindra Bhaskara-Mridanga, Smt. Sukanya Ramgopal -Ghata. All are welcome.

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RISE	11:03 SET 22:50
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RISE	06:09 SET 18:29
RISE	12:02 SET 23:42
SUNDAY, SEP. 04	
RISE	06:09 SET 18:28
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Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	22
Mysuru	30	20
Bengaluru	28	21

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable and humid. Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C A slight warm and humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

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81 encroachments found in Begur lake area, BBMP tells HC

'Claimants in 45 instances have secured temporary injunction from city civil court'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Thursday told the High Court of Karnataka that it has identified 81 instances of encroachments of Begur lake area and has already removed 33 of them so far.

A file photo of Begur lake

Statement
In a statement submitted before the court, the designated officer of Begur lake also said that the claimants in 45 instances of encroachments had secured a temporary injunction from the city civil court, which had directed the authorities not to take any coercive step against the occupants of these land/structures till further orders.

The designated officer also stated that the proceedings were pending before the High Court since 2015 in relation to a few other encroachments.

Pointing out that there is a pipal tree with a stone platform around it and a temple in the lake area, the designated officer stated that information was being sought from the revenue authorities on the status of these structures as they were in existence from time immemorial.

A Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty, which is hearing PIL petitions on the issue of encroachments, maintenance, and rejuvenation of lakes, adjourned further hearing till September 12 as the advocates for the petitioners sought time to go through the statement by the designated officer.

Strict timeline
The court on July 20 fixed a stricter timeline for survey and identification of encroachments, issuing notices to the encroachers and removing encroachments while terming as "not realistic" the longer period sought by the officials. The court had said that despite several directions issued since 2014, the encroachments still exists in Beguru and a few other lakes.

Delimitation: HC adjourns hearing till September 8

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

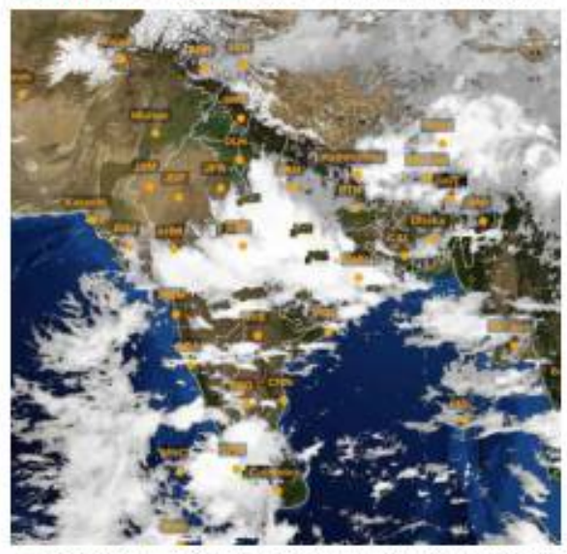
The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday adjourned, till September 8, further hearing on petitions questioning the legality delimitation of new 243 wards of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahagara Palike (BBMP).

Justice Hemant Chandangoudar passed the order after the State Advocate-General sought time to submit additional statement of objections, while pointing out that several new petitions were filed before the court after August 16, when the HC had adjourned hearing to await the orders of the Supreme Court on delimitation.

The Supreme Court on August 26 said that the HC can hear the petitions merits and pass interim or final orders in accordance with law.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY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Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Bihar, Konkan & Goa, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Lakshadweep. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Vidarbha and Karnataka

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	36.1	28.2	Kozhikode	41	29.9	24.0
Ahmedabad	2	31.0	27.2	Kurnool	–	33.4	26.0
Aizawl	–	26.8	21.1	Lucknow	–	34.6	27.3
Allahabad	–	34.1	27.5	Madurai	0.4	29.2	24.1
Bengaluru	2.9	28.4	20.5	Mangaluru	0.5	29.6	23.6
Bhopal	–	31.3	24.6	Mumbai	10	31.7	23.8
Bhubaneswar	–	35.1	26.0	Mysuru	8	30.0	20.6
Chandigarh	0.2	35.4	27.1	New Delhi	–	37.1	27.0
Chennai	33	29.9	25.2	Patna	37	33.6	26.5
Coimbatore	11	30.0	22.6	Port Blair	–	31.5	26.6
Dehradun	11	32.3	24.4	Puducherry	15	26.2	23.4
Gangtok	8	21.4	18.1	Pune	27	31.9	20.8
Goa	1	30.1	25.0	Raipur	–	34.4	24.6
Guwahati	–	30.8	25.8	Ranchi	19	31.8	–
Hubballi	–	31.0	21.0	Shillong	0.3	25.6	18.3
Hyderabad	–	33.0	24.5	Shimla	4	23.6	16.0
Imphal	–	31.0	20.9	Srinagar	–	31.4	16.8
Jaipur	–	35.8	27.0	Thiruvananthapuram	3	27.5	23.0
Kochi	23	28.0	23.2	Tiruchi	2	27.5	24.0
Kohima	12	25.3	17.6	Vijayawada	–	33.3	25.4
Kolkata	–	35.4	28.1	Visakhapatnam	0.3	34.3	27.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	65	46	.60	48	69	
Bengaluru	6	19	.51	84	84	
Chennai	2	31	.80	122	97	
Delhi	20	74	.69	125	293	
Hyderabad	10	12	107	20	58	
Kolkata	8	13	.19	29	52	
Lucknow	20	60	.98	61	81	
Mumbai	15	3	111	106	100	
Pune	–	25	.70	–	–	–
Visakhapatnam	–	30	.12	30	61	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Ballabgarh, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 197 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 17

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)
SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.
NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.
CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.
PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Lesser sentence: HC refuses to interfere with trial court orders

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has upheld the imposition of lesser punishment by the trial courts on a medical shop owner, who had availed of the benefit of 'plea bargaining' and was sentenced to imprisonment till the rising of the court and a fine of ₹10,000 as he had pleaded guilty of the charge of selling a certain drugs in violation of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

Justice K. Somashekar passed the order while dismissing a revision petition filed by the Drugs Inspector, Hassan. The imposition of lesser punishment by the Judicial Magistrate First Class in 2015 and its confirmation by the District and Sessions Court, Hassan, was questioned before the High Court.

The proceedings against S.B. Shivakumar, owner of a medical shop in Hassan, were initiated in 2014 based on a complaint lodged by the Drugs Inspector and a charge-sheet was filed after the investigation. It was contended in the petition that the trial courts had erred in awarding imprisonment less then one year without assigning any reason as required in law.

While refusing to interfere with the orders of the trial courts, the High Court said there was no circumstance warranting interference while pointing out that the Assistant Public Prosecutor, who represented the prosecution, had consented to 'plea bargaining'.

The High Court also said that there was no need of the complainant Drugs Inspector at the time of 'plea bargaining' as the public prosecutor had represented the prosecution and had said that the benefit of 'plea bargaining' could be extended to the accused if he pleaded guilty. Plea bargaining refers to a person charged with a criminal offence negotiating with the prosecution for a lesser punishment than what is provided in law by pleading guilty to a less serious offence

World accepted power of yoga and AYUSH during pandemic: Adityanath

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Bengaluru, which is considered a hub of Information Technology and Biotechnology, is now also emerging as a hub of traditional medicine in the world, said Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and others at Nelamangala on Thursday.

Speaking after inaugurating 'Kshemavana', a wellness centre set up by the Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences at Nelamangala on the outskirts of Bengaluru, he said, "The world saw the power of yoga and traditional Indian systems of medicine during the COVID-19 pandemic, when fatalities in India were half of that in the U.S."

"Despite the U.S. population being one-fourth of ours, COVID-19 fatalities there were double than ours. This proves that the traditional Indian systems of medicine, which we recognise as AYUSH boost our immunity and strengthen the lifespan of people," he said.

"The world accepted the power of yoga and AYUSH during the pandemic. People may have been running after allopathic medicines, which has its own importance, but if the immunity of the body has to be enhanced we have to embrace our traditional Indian systems of medicine. Yoga, naturopathy, ayurveda, unani, and siddha have a distinct role to play," he said. Karnataka has always emerged as the "trouble-shooter" and took up the challenge thrown by the world towards India. "When the country was in need of modern technology, Bengaluru became one such hub. Whenever India needed development in any area, Bengaluru and Karnataka moved forward as a trouble-shooter," he said.

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said Kshemavana (the wellness centre) focuses on the interaction between the brain, body, and behaviour, and the powerful ways in which these elements can directly impact the health of a person.

D. Veerendra Heggade, dharmadhikari and head of Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala, said naturopathy is the practice of living in harmony with nature. "When we started the first naturopathy centre, Shantivana at Dharmasthala, the concept behind it was to provide healthy living for all. Through the practice of evidence-based therapeutic practices in naturopathy and yoga, we can achieve control over our senses and prevent illnesses to achieve a healthy lifestyle," he said.

Head of the Adichunchanagiri Mutt Nirmalanandanath Swamy was among those present on the occasion.

Smuggling: Passengers held at KIA

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Officials of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence on Monday arrested two passengers who landed at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) from Imphal, concealing 924 grams of gold paste in their rectum.

Based on specific inputs, the officials intercepted the duo as soon as they landed at the airport and caught them.

The total value of the seized items is worth ₹46.4 lakh. The accused are suspected to be part of an international smuggling racket, officials said.

In another case, the officials recovered 583 grams of gold in the form of wires. The accused had landed from Dubai and concealed the gold wires in a trolley bag. The value of the seized gold wires was worth ₹30 lakh, officials said.

54-year-old teacher run over by BMTC bus

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A 54-year-old teacher was killed on the spot when a BMTC bus ran over her at Nagarabhavi underpass on Thursday.

The deceased, Santoshi, a government school teacher at Hosakerehalli and a resident of Nagarabhavi, was returning home from work. She was crossing the road when the bus heading towards Vidyaranyapura from Kengunte ran over her, the police said.

The Kamakshipalya traffic police arrested the driver, identified as Thimmayya, 41, and seized the bus.

Woman found dead, family alleges murder

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A 32-year-old homemaker was found dead under mysterious circumstances at her house in Bapuijinagar. Her sister has filed a dowry death case against her husband and the in-laws.

The deceased was identified as Shilpa B. According to the police, she got married to Chandrashekhar six years ago and the couple had a five-year-old daughter. In her complaint, Nagarathna, Ms. Shilpa's sister, accused Mr. Chandrashekhar and his family of torturing Ms. Shilpa for more dowry.

On Thursday, Mr. Chandrashkhar called Ms. Nagarathna to inform her that Ms. Shilpa had ended her life. When Ms. Nagarathna and the family rushed to the house, they found the body of Ms. Shilpa on the bed with a rope next to her. The family alleged that it was not suicide but a murder and they also claimed to find strangulation marks. Based on the complaint, the police have registered a case against Mr. Chandrashekhar, his mother, two sisters, and brother-in-law.

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Soil from all villages to be collected for theme park

Basavaraj Bommai launches campaign

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday launched a campaign to collect soil from all the villages in a symbolic gesture of unity, for developing the 23-acre theme park that will house the 108-feet bronze statue of Bengaluru founder Kempe Gowda, on the premises of Bengaluru International Airport. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Bommai said the statue would be unveiled in about two months by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who will visit Bengaluru to inaugurate the second runway of BIAL.

Praising then chieftain Kempe Gowda, the Chief Minister said, "Kempe Gowda did not confine himself to the routine responsibilities of a chieftain, but tried to build the lives of people by building hundreds of lakes".

"In fact, what he founded was not just a city, but modern civilization," he said. "He helped several small communities that specialised in various professional trades to prosper by building a conducive environment for them within Bengaluru."

The main intention behind unveiling his statue and developing a theme park was to help the new generation remember history.

Speaking to reporters after the programme, Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan, who is also vice-president of the Kempe Gowda Development Authority that is entrusted with the responsibility of installing the statue, said the proposed park will have a total extent of 23 acres.

Of these, the development in the first phase will involve 3 acres and 35 guntas to be taken up at a cost of ₹10 crore. The remaining extent of the park would be developed at a cost of ₹10 crore in the second phase, he said.

Lalbagh to also get statue of Kempe Gowda

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Lalbagh too will have a statue of Kempe Gowda in addition to the one coming up on the premises of Bengaluru International Airport, according to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Yet another statue of Kempe Gowda will also come up at the Vidhana Soudha.

He also said that four satellite towns would be built on the Bengaluru city outskirts, while a separate masterplan would be drawn for the development of Devanahalli.

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'Petition by Twitter is not maintainable'

Firm has no right to say blocking orders violate freedom of its users, Union government tells HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Union government on Thursday said a petition by Twitter Inc. before the High Court of Karnataka, questioning content and account 'blocking orders', is 'not maintainable', as it is a foreign company and therefore has no right to allege violation of fundamental rights under the Indian Constitution.

In a detailed statement of objection submitted to the court, the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has said that Twitter, being a mere 'social media intermediary', has no right or *locus* to take up the case of its users against any orders, passed by the competent authority under section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

Pointing out that Twitter does not have any place of business in India and the affidavit was filed by a foreign national, who is acting on behalf of it, the Ministry has contended that the rights,

Twitter had filed a petition in the High Court of Karnataka.

under Article 32 and 226, are not available to it, for the purpose of challenging 'blocking orders' passed by the Union of India, against users using the platform of the company, which is a mere 'foreign artificial juristic entity."

"The petitioner, behind the administrative façade set up in the present petition, in pith and substance, is seeking to defend Article 19 (1) (a) rights [freedom of speech and expression] of its users," the Ministry has argued, while contended that "the petition is thus nothing but a chance or luxury litigation, where jurisdiction of this court is invoked surreptitiously to achieve an object indirectly when the same could not be achieved directly".

'Unverified accounts'

Stating that the persons whose accounts were ordered to be blocked, are not before the court, the Ministry has pointed out that, "The accounts blocked by the Union of India are *interalia* unverified accounts. There is no evidence available as to whether the said accounts are operated by citizens of India or are fake, anonymous or bots".

"A *fortiori* the petitioner cannot defend the Article 19 rights of its unverified, untraceable and anonymous users. The said right is only available to an identified citizen of the country," the Ministry made it clear.

'Habitual non-compliant'

Describing Twitter as 'habitual non-compliant' of 'block orders' issued under Section 69A of the IT Act for several years, the Ministry has said that compliance was done belatedly after issuance of notice.

"Twitter purposefully delayed in complying blocking orders to ensure that blocking directions lose its value and the content become more vital, and also spread to other platforms also, resulting in an increase in threat to sovereignty and integrity, national security and public order issues eventually, causing risks to the citizens and the country," the Ministry has alleged.

Stating that whether the content would cause national security or public order issues or not, should not be allowed to be determined by the platforms, the Ministry said that "when a public order issue arises, it is the government that is responsible to take action and not the platform."

On the contention of Twitter that no notices were issued to the affected users before issuing 'blocking orders', the Ministry has alleged that Twitter itself had not issued notices to several of its Indian users before blocking their accounts as per its own policy.

The Ministry has also contended that notice before 'blocking orders' had to be given only to an identified citizen and intermediaries like Twitter had the obligation to notify its user or provide their data to the designated authority prior to blocking.

Bengaluru Bengali Kannada Film Festival returns after two years

LEESHA K. NAIR
BENGALURU

Film buffs in the city will get a chance to watch some classic Bengali and Kannada movies this weekend, as the Satyajit Ray Film Society Bengaluru (SRFSB) brings the Bengaluru Bengali Kannada Film Festival (BBKFF) back to the city after a gap of two years.

The fourth edition of the festival, which will be held at Inox, Lido Mall, from September 2 to 4, will also showcase award-winning documentaries by various directors in the two languages.

"Cinema is a medium through which people can understand each other irrespective of where you come from. This festival is a cultural integration between Bengalis and Kannadigas. We want to promote the film culture in the city and provide a message that movies are not only about entertainment but go beyond it. We wanted to provide a platform for better cinema and to the upcoming debutante directors," said Madhushree Sengupta, festival director from SRFSB. While the inaugural ceremony will be held on Friday, the films will be screened on Saturday and Sunday.

Movie enthusiasts can register for the festival on SRFSB's website and avail delegate passes which are priced between ₹250 and ₹500.

The delegates will have to carry a government-issued ID card to the screenings and follow all COVID-19 protocols, the organisers said.

Directors M.S. Sathyu, Girish Kasaravalli, and Goutam Ghose will be the chief guests for the inaugural ceremony. The inauguration will be followed by the screening of Mr. Ghose's short film *Somoyer Smritimala*.

The two-day screenings will include Satyajit Ray's *Sonar Kella*, *Jalsaghar*, and *Aparajito* under the retro cinema category.

Fake website: Case booked

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The cybercrime police are on the lookout for fraudsters who created a fake website of a star hotel in the city to cheat gullible customers.

Based on a complaint by one Vijay Kumar B., the police have registered a case against the accused, charging them with impersonation, cheating, and under various sections of the IT Act. The police said the accused created the website of Goldfinch Hotel situated at Veerannapalya in Nagawara and shared it on social media along with a contact number offering online booking of suites. Many gullible customers transferred money to two private bank account numbers mentioned on the fake websites, the police said.

Encroachments: HDK slams BBMP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Thursday accused the BBMP of trying to pander to politicians instead of removing encroachments on raja kaluves and subsidiary canals.

"Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has held a meeting on Wednesday. What is the meaning of such meetings when influential people have constructed palaces on raja kaluves? This kind of greed is responsible for the deluge," Mr. Kumaraswamy said. Referring to the tweet of industrialist Mohandas Pai to the PM seeking his intervention, Mr. Kumaraswamy said the tweet is not going to help Bengaluru. "The work of improving Bengaluru's safety is not in the hands of PM. He is going to be disappointed if he thinks so."

Five students arrested on charge of assault in Dakshina Kannada

Four more held for assisting them

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

In yet another case of what is said moral policing in Dakshina Kannada, the police in Sullia have arrested five students on the charge of assaulting a student for talking to his female classmate from another community. They have arrested four more students for assisting them.

The complainant in the case, reported on Tuesday, is 19-year-old Mohammed Sanif of Jalsoor village of Sullia taluk, a first year B.Com student of a government college in Kasba village.

On Tuesday morning, a few senior students from the college accompanied by students from other colleges called Sanif out of the classroom. Soon after, they all went to the college grounds and the group started raining blows on Sanif, while questioning him for speaking to his female classmate. The group is said to have threatened Sanif with his life, if he continued to talk to her.

Sanif got admitted to the Government Hospital in Sullia and then, filed a complaint.

The Sullia Police arrested five students, Tanuj, Mokshit, Deekshit, Akshay and Parjwal, on the charge of assaulting Sanif. They also arrested four more students, Charan, Dhanush, Nishchay and Pavan, on the charge of assisting these five students.

The nine students have been charged under Sections 323, 324, 143, 147, 148, 506 of the Indian Penal Code.

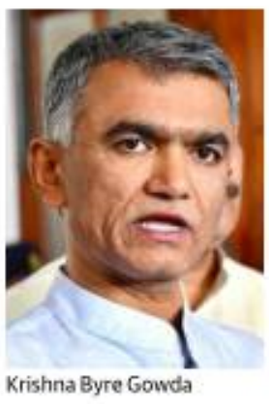
'Bengaluru has turned into a tension city'

There are daily reports of communal tension between Hindus and Muslims: MLA

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru city has transformed from IT city into "tension city" with daily reports of communal tension between Hindus and Muslims on the installation of Ganesha idol on the one hand and the neglect of infrastructure on the other, alleged former Minister and Congress MLA Krishna Byre Gowda.

Speaking at a press conference here on Thursday, he alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah had no interest in developing the city's infrastructure which was crumbing owing to poor execution of works.



Krishna Byre Gowda

Despite letters on the city's poor infrastructure by T.V. Mohandas Pai, chairman Aarin Capital, who is close to BJP leaders, and Biocon chief Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, to Mr Modi, the State government has not bothered to repair roads and drainage system, he said.

The city, well known for IT, education, human resources, and heath, has been described as a "dynamic city"; but under the BJP government, it has become well known for drugs, corruption, and communal tension, Mr. Byre Gowda charged.

'Rampant corruption'

Noting rampant corruption in administration, he said the percentage of commission had increased from 40% to 50% in the execution of developments works but there was no action from the Prime Minister against the corrupt Bommai government, the Congress MLA alleged.

Mr. Modi, visiting the State on Friday, is expected to take stock of the developments in the State.

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Murugha Mutt head arrested six days after case was booked

He was taken into custody from the mutt in Chitradurga amidst tight security; earlier, a lookout notice had been issued against the seer as a precautionary measure

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUBBALLI

The Chitradurga police late on Thursday night arrested the head of Brihan Mutt in Chitradurga, Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, who is facing allegations of sexual harassment of two minor girls who were in the hostel run by the mutt.

The development came six days after he was booked under provisions of the POCSO Act and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

The police officials entered the mutt premises after 10 p.m. and took the seer into custody amidst tight security.

Front view of the Jagadguru Murugharajendra Brihan Mutt in Chitradurga. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The arrest came hours after the hearing on anticipatory bail plea of Murugha Sharanaru was adjourned till Friday, allowing a day's time for the prosecution and victims' counsels to submit their objections.

Pressure had been mounting on the police for his arrest as activists and several organisations had started questioning the delay in arresting the seer, who heads a prominent Lingayat mutt. Several progressive and Dalit organisations have organised a rally in Bengaluru on Friday with this demand.

Counsel for Murugha Sharanaru had moved the anticipatory bail application on August 29 before Second Additional District and Sessions Court. However, as judge B.K. Komala was on leave, First Additional District and Sessions judge Kalkani had admitted the plea and had posted the matter for hearing on Thursday.

The two minor girls, victims of alleged sexual harassment, and their parents appeared before the court. Advocates of District Legal Service Authority and also High Court advocate Srinivas appeared before the court on behalf of the minor girls. The judge sought the opinion of the girls and their fathers and subsequently considered the application moved by Mr. Srinivas.

The counsel for the girls argued that as the notices had been served to them on Thursday, they should be given time to submit their objections. The judge allowed their submission and adjourned the hearing to Friday giving them time for filing objections.

Meanwhile, the administrator of the mutt S.K. Basavarajan and his wife Soubhaya were granted bail in the counter-case pertaining to alleged harassment and "kidnap of children" filed by warden of the hostel run by the mutt. The administrator has been removed from his post.

Lookout notice

Earlier, a lookout notice had been issued against seer as a precautionary measure. Superintendent of Police of Chitradruga K. Parashuram said the notice was issued on August 29 after reports about the seer not being found in the mutt emerged. "As the seer holds a passport, the lookout notice was issued as a precautionary measure," he said.

The case against the seer and four others was first registered in Mysuru. The two girls, with the help of Mysuru-based Odanadi Seva Samsthe, an NGO engaged in rescue and rehabilitation of sexually-exploited women and children in Mysuru, had appeared before the Mysuru district Child Welfare Committee (CWC) on August 26 and made the statement detailing their alleged sexual harassment by the seer with the assistance of the hostel warden and three others.

Based on the directions of the CWC, the Legal and Probation Officer, Mysuru district Child Protection Unit, has lodged a complaint with the Nazarbad police station. Case was booked under POCSO Act and later also under SC/ST Atrocities Act, since one of the victims is a dalit.

Later the case was transferred to Chitradurga, based on the place of occurrence as cited in the complaint.

NCPCR seeks report

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has issued a notice to the Superintendent of Police, Chitradurga district, seeking progress of investigation in the case.

The NCPCR, in its notice, sought a detailed report along with other documents within seven days.

2,000 buses booked to bring beneficiaries of schemes to PM's programme today

Around 100 police officers will be on duty near the stage and on event premises

A large number of policemen deployed in front of the main stage at Goldfinch City in Mangaluru on Thursday. •H.S. MANJUNATH

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Around 3,000 police personnel have been deployed for security arrangements for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's official programme in Mangaluru on Friday.

More than one lakh people are expected to gather at the ground and more than 2,000 buses have been booked to bring the beneficiaries of both the Union and State government's welfare schemes to the programme.

Speaking to mediapersons after reviewing the preparations, at Goldfinch City Grounds, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said that the Prime Minister will land in Mangaluru at 12.30 p.m.

Around 100 police officers will be on duty near the stage and on the premises of the programme. In addition, 2,000 civil police, Karnataka State Reserve Police, Anti-Naxal Force police, Coastal Security Police, police of District Armed Reserve units, Rapid Action Force police, and Garuda Force have been deployed.

V. Sunil Kumar, Minister in-charge of Dakshina Kannada and Minister for Energy, Kannada and Culture said that the Prime Minister will address the gathering at 1.30 p.m. after inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for projects worth ₹3,800 crore.

Beneficiaries contacted

Beneficiaries of Prime Minister's Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, Prime Minister's Krishi Sanchayi Yojana, Vidyanidhi Yojana and other welfare schemes have been contacted in the gram panchayat level since past one week and they have been requested to attend the programme.

"The Prime Minister addressing the beneficiaries, I feel, will set a new milestone for the development of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi," the Minister said.

Meanwhile, the BJP has tied its party flags on the median of national highway 66 passing through Bangra Kuluru, the venue of the programme, to welcome the Prime Minister.

Informal interaction

Mr. Modi will interact with the prominent leaders of the BJP from the State before leaving Mangaluru after attending an official programme, according to sources in the BJP. It will be an informal interaction, sources added.

Minister booked for threatening Dalit man

Polappa alleges he was threatened of murder as he 'exposed' Anand Singh

STAFF REPORTER
KALABURAGI

Following a complaint by D. Polappa, a Dalit farmer, Hosapete Rural police have registered a First Information Report (FIR) against Anand Singh, Minister for Tourism, Environment and Ecology and MLA for Vijayanagara, and three others, under Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, and several Sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The other three who were booked are Hanumantappa, Mariyappa and Hulugappa, the associates of Mr. Singh.

In his complaint, Mr. Polappa had alleged that Mr. Singh, his three associates and 25 others came to his house at 1.45 p.m. on Tuesday and threatened to burn him alive and also evict him from his house.

Anand Singh

Before lodging the complaint, Mr. Polappa and his family members attempted self-immolation in front of the office of the Superintendent of Police by pouring petrol on themselves. However, they were prevented from setting themselves ablaze and rushed to the hospital by the police.

In his complaint, Mr. Polappa also mentioned the continued harassment and threatening from Mr. Singh and his associates for the last 6-7 months after he held a press conference and exposed Mr. Singh's alleged encroachment of government lands for the construction of his new bungalow in Hosapete.

"I had released the relevant documents in the press conference to show how Mr. Singh had encroached canal area, which was government land. I had filed a complaint with government authority along with the documents. After 2-3 days, Mr. Singh and Hunumantappa came to my house and threatened me. He also forced me to call a press meet and admit the allegations as false... He again came to my house three months ago and threatened again," Mr. Polappa said.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Superintendent of Police Arun K. said that the police team had started investigating the case against Mr. Singh. "The police team is presently collecting the evidence from all sources. It is gathering the CCTV footages and video and audio clips. We would have a clear picture by this weekend," Mr. Arun told *The Hindu*. When asked about the earlier threats that Mr. Polappa mentioned in the complaint, Mr. Arun said neither any of police stations nor his office had received complaint about them. "This is the first complaint on the issue and we have taken immediate action," Mr. Arun said.

Demand for enquiry

Taking to Twitter on Wednesday, Congress questioned why the government had not initiated legal action against Mr. Singh who had encroached upon government land. It demanded an enquiry into the allegations, protection for the person who raised his voice against the encroachment, and removal of Mr. Singh from the Council of Ministers.

Applications invited

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Applications have been invited for the posts of school teachers for the year 2022. More information can be accessed on www.schooleducation.kar.nic.in. Last date to apply is September 30, 2022.

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Historian Sheik Ali is dead

The professor was best known for his works on Tipu Sultan

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

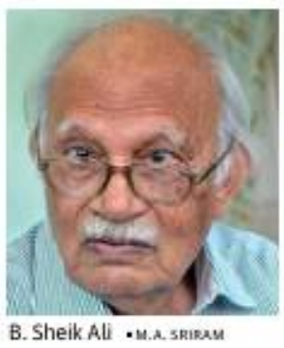
Historian and former Vice-Chancellor of Mangalore and Goa Universities B. Sheik Ali, 97, passed away at a private hospital in Mysuru on Thursday after brief illness.

Prof. Ali's body was kept on the premises of Muslim Hostel in Saraswathipuram in the city, which he had served as president for long years, for people to pay their last respects. Several dignitaries, including Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Hemantha Kumar, former Union Minister Rahman Khan, former Minister Tanveer Sait, and a large number of retired and serving teachers of the university turned up to pay their respects.

After the funeral prayers at the mosque in the hostel complex in the evening, he was laid to rest in the Muslim burial ground. Prof. Ali leaves behind a son and a daughter. His wife, a son and a daughter had predeceased him.

Prof. Ali studied at the University of Mysore before joining the university to teach. He was a professor of History and served the Department of History in the University of Mysore as its chairperson before going on an assignment to Mangalore University as its first Vice-Chancellor.

Born on November 10, 1925, Prof. Ali's academic achievements include a first



B. Sheik Ali •M.A. SRIRAM

rank and gold medal in BA (Hons), University of Mysore, in 1945 before securing the II rank in MA in University of Mysore in 1946. He obtained his first PhD from Aligarh Muslim University in 1954 and the second from University of London in 1960. He was the general president of Indian History Congress at its 47th session in 1986 and the founder president of South India History Congress in 1985. A recipient of the Rajyotsava Award, Prof. Ali served the University of Mangalore and University of Goa as the founder Vice-Chancellor in the 80s.

He has authored several books in English and Urdu. Apart from his books on Tipu Sultan, he had also written on Comprehensive History of Karnataka, Gangas of Talkad, Hoysala dynasty, A Short History of World Civilization, Essentials of Indian Culture, History of South India, Goa wins Freedom, History of Bahmani and Bijapuri rulers, besides the books on the life and work of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Abul Kalam Azad and Dr. Zakir Hussain.

N.S. Rangaraju, retired professor of Ancient History and Archeology, University of Mysore, and member of the Heritage Conservation Committee of Mysuru, described Prof. Ali as a "historian par excellence".

"He is the only historian who wrote the true history of Tipu Sultan and Hyder Ali. Also, he was the only historian to write about the achievements of four maharajas of Mysuru - Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Chamaraja Wadiyar X, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Sri Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar. Unlike most historians, who recognised only the Dewans, Prof. Ali had given proper weightage to the contribution of maharajas also. His book on Karnataka's history is an important work", Prof. Rangaraju said.

Prof. Rangaraju said Prof. Ali had almost 50 works on Tipu Sultan to his credit and said one has to read his books on Tipu Sultan to understand the true history of 18th Century ruler.

Minister for Higher Education C.N. Ashwath Narayan has condoled the death of Prof. Ali. "We have lost a historian who had a unique perspective. He was an example for profound historical views", he said in a condolence message.

Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar too have condoled his death.

Ex-MP Mudduhanume Gowda to quit Congress

Says he has been 'sidelined' since 2019

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Former Congress MP from Tumakuru S.P. Mudduhanume Gowda, on Thursday, decided to resign from the Congress for being "sidelined" in the party since the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Mr. Gowda is likely to join the BJP to contest the Legislative Assembly elections from Kunigal constituency in 2023.

Before quitting the party, he called on KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar and Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah and told them that he should be relieved from the primary membership of the party immediately.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Gowda said Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar have conceded that "injustice " was meted out to him by the party during the last three years.

The Congress denied ticket to Mr. Gowda for contesting 2019 Lok Sabha elections and then JD(S) and Congress government entered into an alliance to fight elections against the BJP. Alliance between two parties paved the way for JD(S) candidate and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda to contest elections from Tumakuru constituency. But Mr. Deve Gowda was defeated in the elections by G.S. Basavaraj of the BJP.

When he was denied ticket in 2019, the then Congress president Rahul Gandhi and AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal promised to nominate him to Rajya Sabha. The party gave Rajya Sabha seats to veteran leader Mallikarjun Kharge who had lost 2019 elections in Kalaburagi and recently to former Union Minister Jairam Ramesh.

"My active politics is not yet over, so I will have to set a stage for it to continue. I have decided to move away from the Congress and I have requested both leaders (Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar) to relieve me. I will also send them my resignation letter soon," he said.

The former MP said, "I want to say with full responsibility that I have given back to the party more than what it has given me."

Asked about his next political move, Mr. Gowda said, "I have taken this decision today, now options will be open before me. People of Kunigal want me to contest from there in the 2023 Assembly polls as I had represented the seat for 10 years in the past. Based on the political developments I will decide."

To a question whether there is any offer from the BJP, he said, "I have decided to quit the Congress today and what will happen in the days to come, I cannot comment now, but I will take a decision soon as elections are fast approaching."

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

for selection of Transaction Advisor for Nehru Outer Ring Road Project under consideration to award on Toll Operate Transfer (TOT) model at Hyderabad, Telangana

RFP NO: 165/CGM(T)/HGCL/ToT/2022-23, Dt: 30.08.2022

Nehru ORR is a 158 km long, 8-lane ring road expressway encircling Hyderabad. It is an Access Controlled Expressway with 19 Interchanges to facilitate traffic movement from ORR to intersecting National Highways, State Highways and other major arterials. Government of Telangana seeks to monetize Nehru ORR through **TOT** model.

In this regard, HMDA invites 'Request for Proposal' (RFP) for selection of Transaction Advisor for Nehru Outer Ring Road Project under consideration to award on Toll Operate Transfer **(TOT)** model at Hyderabad, Telangana State, as per the terms and conditions laid down in the RFP Document.

Interested firms are requested to submit Technical and Financial Proposals. Terms of Reference (ToR) including Request for Proposal (RFP) is available online on e-tender portal of https://tender.telangana.gov.in. The document can be downloaded from 01.09.2022 onwards. The filled-in 'Request for Proposal' with required documentation should be **submitted on the e-tender portal before 3.00 PM, on or before 21.09.2022. Pre-Bid meeting will be held at HMDA office at Nanakramguda on 05.09.2022 @ 11.00 AM** and can be contacted through email id: cgmhgcl@gmail.com for clarifications

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Activist Mary Roy passes away

Her plea led to SC verdict that Christian women have equal share in family property

STAFF REPORTER
KOTTAYAM

Mary Roy, educator and women's rights activist on whose petition the Supreme court delivered the landmark judgment against the Travancore Christian Succession Act of 1916 to ensure Christian women an equal share in family property, died after a brief illness here on Thursday. She was 89.

She is survived by two children, son Lalit Roy and daughter Arundhati Roy, writer and activist who won the 1997 Man Booker prize.

In a statement, the family members said the funeral would be held on Friday.

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Born in a Syrian Christian family in 1933, Ms. Roy was the daughter of P.V. Isaac, an entomologist who had trained in England, and Susie Isaac. Starting from Delhi, she had a cosmopolitan education and graduated from the Queen Mary's College in Chennai.

Following the breakdown of her marriage with Rajib Roy, Ms. Roy took to teaching to support the family and returned to Kottayam to start her own school, Corpus Christi High School, in 1967. After having presided over the school, which later changed its name to Pallikkoodam, for over five decades, she stopped playing an active part in the school administration due to ill health.

After the death of her father in December 1960, Ms. Roy sued her brother George Isaac to gain equal access to the property of her deceased father. The battle, which lasted over four decades and was finally settled in favour of Ms. Roy in 2009, stands as one of the pillars of gender justice in the country.

Till the apex court order, Christian women from the erstwhile Travancore State had been governed by the stifling provisions of the 1916 Travancore-Cochin Christian Succession Act, under which a daughter was eligible only for a quarter of the son's share or ₹5,000, whichever was less, when the father died intestate.

A doyen of women's rights in country

A visionary educationist, social worker — Mary Roy had many feathers in her cap

MEENA T. PILLAI

A lone woman crusader's voice that changed the course of women's history in India and the world over was probably also a single mother's proclamation from the rooftop of her insecurity that the boy and the girl she had given birth to were equal citizens before the laws of this land, with equal access to all constitutional rights including property. The personal was indeed political for Mary Roy, a visionary educationist, social worker, and the doyen of women's rights in India.

Before the landmark Supreme Court order of 1986 that she won by the sweat of her brow and the grit of her indomitable will, Syrian Christian women were governed by the Travancore-Kochi Christian Succession Act of 1916, that stated a daughter inherited only a quarter of the son's share or ₹5,000, whichever was less. This phenomenal woman mounted a singular attack on the patriarchal bastions of religious and familial oppression that validated misogynist decrees such as this.

Tradition is most fiercely valorised in its many trysts with gender, and the veil over women's precarity is often unmasked with a vengeance when it comes to claiming equal inheritance or property ownership. Mary Roy's protracted legal battle for equal inheritance laws for Syrian Christian women was easily one of the most heatedly and divisively debated ones in India, laying bare the gendered faultlines at the core of our culture, where even women, conditioned and groomed as they are within patriarchal cultures, religions and families failed to understand how a woman could stand up against her own family for justice.

The 'Pallikoodam' school founded by Mary Roy in Kottayam.

She questioned the dubious logic of the received notion that the family is never wrong. Isn't the family always already just to its daughters? She ripped the mask off this romantic mystique that had sedimented around one of the least democratic of all social units, the family, across millennia. That the emperor of patriarchy was naked could only be pointed out by a woman of her mettle who had experienced firsthand the denial of female agency and legitimacy within the undemocratic precincts of her own familial and kinship systems. To expose the gendered economies of the family as a nation in miniature, was also to stand up against its paternal and condescending stereotypes. She did it with elan, standing tall and erect against what was also the most powerful institution in the history of humankind, the Church.

Her political irreverence and defiance also became the rock upon which feminisms in India etched many new juridical insurgencies. Through the due process of her battles she debunked the populist claim that 'dowry' or 'groom price' is synonymous with a girl's inheritance, where a social evil was given societal sanction to parade as women's right.

(Meena T. Pillai is an academic and writer)

Arumughaswamy Commission report will be made public: Stalin

It is to be tabled in the Assembly

STAFF REPORTER
COIMBATORE

The report submitted by Justice (Retd.) A. Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry, probing the circumstances that led to former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa's hospitalisation and death, will be tabled in the Assembly soon, said Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, here on Thursday.

He said the report was widely discussed during the cabinet meeting held recently, and it was decided to make the report public by tabling it in the Assembly along with the report of Justice Aruna Jagadeesan Commission of Inquiry on the 2018 Thoothukudi police firing incident.

Speaking at the wedding of former Minister Pongalur N. Palanisamy's granddaughter with the son of Bargur MLA D. Mathiazhagan, Mr. Stalin recalled that before 1967, there was no legal recognition for self-respect marriages in Tamil Nadu.

It was the C.N. Annadurai-led DMK, after coming to power for the first time, that passed a resolution endorsing self-respect marriages.

Within 15 months of coming to power, the DMK-led government has fulfilled nearly 70% of its poll promises, he said. "Earlier, people, who came to give grievance petitions, were in anxiety. But nowadays, people are voicing their grievances to me happily, with the hope that their problems will be rectified soon. This is the Dravidian model," said Mr. Stalin.

CM M.K. Stalin speaking at the wedding of ex-Minister Pongalur N. Palanisamy's granddaughter. • S. SIVA SARAVANAN

He also said people got this hope because over 70% of the petitions received during the election campaign last year, under 'Ungal thogudhiyil Stalin' were resolved, by creating a separate department to redress grievances.

"Problems that were not solved for the past 10 years, were solved within 10 days of the DMK coming to power," he said. The government has been working to make the financial situation of the State robust, said Mr. Stalin, adding that the monthly cash assistance of ₹1,000 for women heads of families would be rolled out soon.

Kerala looking at BJP with new hopes: PM

'Projects worth ₹50,000 crore in progress'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

Kerala too would have a "double-engine-driven development" if it supports the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the State, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said.

Addressing party workers at a public meeting organised outside the Cochin International Airport Limited on Thursday evening, Mr. Modi said BJP-ruled States were experiencing double-engine development with copious support from the BJP-led Central government.

The people of the State were now looking at the BJP with new hopes. They had realised that the BJP was one political party that could bring in development and fulfil their aspirations, he said.

Mr. Modi said the Centre had been generously supporting the State in various spheres of development. Various roads and National Highway development projects worth ₹50,000 crore were in progress in the State. Over 3,000 km of roads were developed in the rural areas of the State under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. Various infrastructure projects, including the metro rail project, would be launched in the State on Friday, he said.

PM Narendra Modi at the Adi Sankara Janmabhoomi Kshetram in Kalady. • PTI

Mr. Modi also flagged off the first train in Kochi metro's 1.8-km Pettah-SN Junction corridor. Later, he offered prayers at the Adi Sankara Janmabhoomi Kshetram, birthplace of Adi Sankaracharya, in Kalady.

'Fingerprint surgery' gang busted, 4 held

Bid to escape scanners at airport

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

A gang that performs surgeries on fingertips to beat fingerprint scanners at the Kuwait airport and facilitates the re-entry of those who were deported was busted, Telangana police said.

According to the police, the accused are Gajjalakondugari Naga Muneshwar Reddy, 36, who works as a radiology and X-Ray technician and Sagabala Venkat Ramana, 39, an anaesthesia technician.

The duo would cut the upper layer of the fingertip, remove a part of the tissue and stitch it using a medical kit.

They carried drug for local anaesthesia, surgical blades, and lignocaine hydrochloride injections.

Police said that once the surgery is done, the wound heals, leaving a slight change in fingerprint patterns.

The other two accused are construction workers Bovilla Shiva Shankar Reddy, 25, and Rendla Rama Krishna Reddy, 38, who got the surgery done. All the accused are from YSR Kadapa district in Andhra Pradesh.

"Due to expiry of visa or for violating visa conditions, some people are deported from Kuwait. The accused used to perform fingertip surgeries on such people," the police said.

Kerala House passes Bill on V-C selection

STAFF REPORTER
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala Assembly on Thursday passed the University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022, that alters the composition of the search-cum-selection committee to appoint Vice-Chancellors and effectively provide State governments greater leverage in the process.

While the Opposition staged a walkout accusing the government of attempting to relegate universities to the status of party offices, the Treasury benches said the Bill was driven by the compulsions of keeping Sangh Parivar forces at bay in the administration of universities.

While the Bill awaits the Governor's assent, its passage will enhance the appointment age of Vice-Chancellors to 65 years and increase the strength of the selection committee to five (from the existing three).

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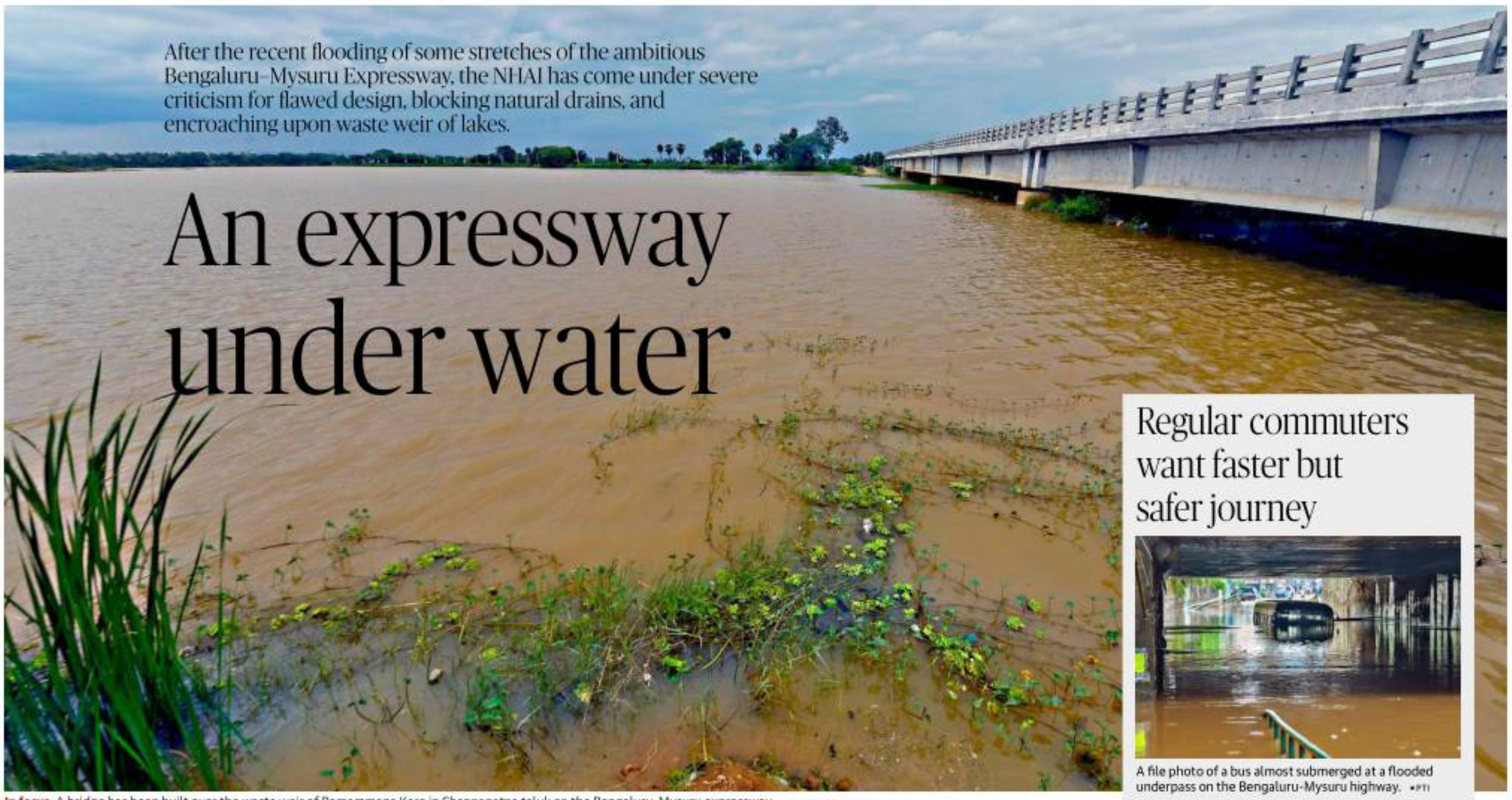
After the recent flooding of some stretches of the ambitious Bengaluru–Mysuru Expressway, the NHAI has come under severe criticism for flawed design, blocking natural drains, and encroaching upon waste weir of lakes.

An expressway under water



In focus: A bridge has been built over the waste weir of Ramammana Kere in Channapatna taluk on the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway. • BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

SUCHITH KIDIYOOR
BENGALURU

The much-hyped Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway project has been in the news for all the wrong reasons these days. After the heavy rain that lashed Ramangaram district earlier this week – on August 29 – motorists using the under-construction expressway had a harrowing time. After the underpasses were flooded, vehicles were seen submerged on the flooded road at Sangabasvana Doddi.

The impact was such that cranes had to be deployed to shift the vehicles that broke down in the floodwaters. Traffic snarls forced the district administration to impose diversions and ask motorists not to use the expressway.

Last week too, the district authorities imposed diversions after several stretches of the expressway were inundated. As videos of flooded roads and traffic snarls went viral, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) came under severe criticism from various quarters, accusing it of implementing a flawed design, blocking natural drains, and encroaching waste weir of lakes.

Naveen Gowda, who was stuck in the traffic for hours, said, "People had no option but to leave their vehicles at the underpass after getting stranded in the floodwaters. It is evident that blocking natural drains or not providing proper channels for the flow of rainwater resulted in the flooding. Officials should take corrective steps before opening the expressway."

The NHAI had awarded the project of implementing the 117-km-long expressway in February 2018. The 10-lane expressway is expected to reduce the travel time to 75 minutes between Bengaluru and Mysuru. Initially, a 30-month deadline was set for completing the project. As per the previous deadline, the entire stretch was supposed to be open for motorists before Dasara, but the NHAI is set to miss it. Officials are confident of opening the Bengaluru-Nidaghatta stretch by September 25 and are aiming at opening bypasses before Dasara. By the year-end, the NHAI is likely to complete the civil works.

The flood in Ramanagaram is a manmade disaster. The raja kaluves, canals, and other storm-water drains have been encroached upon. If the raja kaluve has a breadth of around 60 ft, the Minor Irrigation Department survey recorded it to be 25 ft to 30 ft. The district administration must clear these encroachments.

GOWRISHANKAR,
a resident of Ramanagaram

For 20 years, I used to travel on this highway to Bengaluru regularly. There was no flooding or roadblocks due to heavy rain before. But, the unscientific national highway project has caused unnatural flooding and inundation of all underpasses. Near Sangabasavana Doddi and other places, they tried to level the road by constructing big underpasses but there is no proper drainage to allow the flow of storm-water. It led to heavy flooding of the underpasses.

RAGHU,
a resident of
Sangabasavana Doddi

Flooded: File photos of vehicles stuck on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway in Ramanagaram; and (left) Kanminike lake that breached its bund after heavy rain and inundated the highway near Kumbalgod in Bengaluru. • PTI

HDK lashes out at NHAI

The former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy alleged that the unscientific implementation of the project had led to the flooding of the road. "Mindless quarrying and extraction of sand while implementing the project disrupted the flow of water. The project was also responsible for the inflow of more water into Bakshi Kere that breached its bund. In Ramanagaram, Jolappana Kere too was impacted by the highway work," Mr. Kumaraswamy said. He took a dig at Member of Parliament Pratap Simha, who had downplayed the highway works as the reason for the flooding, by saying that instead of building roads, the NHAI had built swimming pools on the highway.

On Thursday, Mr. Simha told the media that experts from the NHAI and others had inspected the highway stretch that was inundated. "Due to torrential rain, there was a heavy flow of water from Ramadevara Betta. Encroachment of nalas enroute disrupted the flow of water, resulting in inundation of the underpass." He maintained that people having suspicion over poor work of the expressway were free to get a third-party audit done. The contractor implementing the project was liable to keep the road in good condition for 15 years, he added. Meanwhile, Mr. Kumaraswamy said he would meet Union Minister Nitin Gadkari regarding the recent flooding of the highway.

Criticising the NHAI, A. Manjunath, MLA for Magadi, said, "All that chaos happened because of the unscientific design. Without taking departments such as Minor Irrigation into confidence, the NHAI started implementing the project near waterbodies and disturbed the natural flow of water. The Kanminaki lake is the best example of that. There are instances of streams being blocked and raja kaluves being destroyed."

In Ramanagaram district, close to 200 houses were damaged and more than 3,800 houses were flooded after lakes breached their bunds or overflowed after torrential rain that lashed the district for several days. Most of the residential areas that were affected were located in city areas in Ramanagaram and Channapatna.

Deputy Commissioner of Ramanagaram district Avinash Menon Rajendran, said, "When it comes to encroachment or blocking of waterbodies, what we have observed is that there is no problem with the inflow of water into lakes or tanks. However, the downstream canals or nalas are being blocked or encroached upon, resulting in the problem of flooding of residential areas or agricultural land. The Survey of India is doing an aerial survey of the entire Ramanagaram district. Once that exercise is over, based on the images, village maps or survey numbers could be superimposed to mark the boundary of lakes and other waterbodies."

When asked about the alleged design flaws in the expressway project leading to flooding of underpasses and other stretches, Mr. Rajendran said, "There appears to be obstructions to the passage of water while implementing the project, resulting in inundation at some locations. We have told them what needs to be done for free flow of the water when it rains."

The district administration will hold meetings with officials concerned about rectification measures. Superintendent of Police of Ramanagaram K. Santosh Babu said, "Every single blockage that led to flooding on the NH will be examined by involving various agencies. As the highway stretch is being opened for motorists in phases, there is a need to put in place corrective measures to avoid inundation of the highway by taking steps such as wider passage for water flow."

'A warning sign'

Urban mobility expert and convener of IISc Sustainable Transportation Lab Ashish Verma said the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway is under construction and it is too early to say that the design flaw has led to inundation. "However, it is a clear warning sign that authorities concerned should take up all the measures to prevent flooding in the coming days. After the flooding of the highway, for days, motorists were asked to use alternative roads to reach Mysuru or Bengaluru. The authorities should put in place corrective measures to avoid such inconvenience to motorists who have been enduring hardships for years during the construction of the highway," he said.

Responding to the allegations, an NHAI official said, "Inundation is the result of unprecedented rain that lashed Ramangaram. We too are on the job on taking corrective measures by involving the respective departments wherever required."

(With inputs from Jayanth R.)

Regular commuters want faster but safer journey

A file photo of a bus almost submerged at a flooded underpass on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway. • PTI

LAIQH A. KHAN
MYSURU

On August 3, Mahesh, a young graduate, boarded a KSRTC bus from Mysuru to Bengaluru to attend an interview in the afternoon. But, with stretches of Mysuru-Bengaluru highway inundated, the bus was forced to take a detour and it reached Bengaluru only after a six-hour-long journey through narrow rural roads of Mandya and Ramanagaram districts.

When techie Faisal Nisar set out for Bengaluru from Mysuru on August 27 for a weekend get-together with his friends, he was prompted on Google Maps to take a deviation at Srirangapatna and reach his destination via Nagamangala, Bellur Cross, Kunigal, and Nelamangala.

Days of flooding

For several days during August, stretches of the under-construction Mysuru-Bengaluru highway were flooded in parts of Mandya and Ramanagaram districts after a downpour lashed the region, forcing many commuters in private vehicles, taxis, and State-owned KSRTC buses to take alternative routes between the two cities.

Instead of taking a detour after reaching the flooded stretch and enduring an agonising and prolonged journey through the rural roads, many commuters preferred to take an alternative route soon after starting from Mysuru via either Bellur Cross or the Malavalli-Kanakapura road to reach Bengaluru. KSRTC officials too said buses towards Bengaluru plied on the Malavalli-Kanakapura road on days when the regular highway was flooded.

While a few travellers said they enjoyed the refreshing experience of the alternative route, others said the alternative roads were narrow and the diversion led to congestion.

Other options

Though sources in Mysuru division of Railways said there was a small increase in the footfall at Mysuru City Railway Station from where more than 20 trains ply to Bengaluru daily, Mysuru Airport Director R. Manjunath said daily flight operations from Mysuru to Bengaluru, which leaves at 4.55 p.m. on all days except Tuesday when it leaves at 2.55 p.m., saw a rise in passenger traffic by 10 to 15% with the increase in booking showing up mostly at the eleventh hour.

The traffic disruption on the highway last weekend too disappointed the tourism industry in Mysuru, which was looking forward to an increased inflow of tourists in view of the Gowri-Ganesha chaturthi holidays. "We were expecting an increase in the occupancy of hotel rooms during the holidays. Due to the flooding on the highway, many tourists did not come to Mysuru and our rooms remained vacant," said Narayan Gowda, Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association president.

The industry in Mysuru was also hit by the flooding on the stretches of the highway. "A large number of goods vehicles carrying raw materials and finished goods ply on the highway regularly. The disruption in traffic movement on the highway not only affected production and supply cycles but also led to an increased transportation cost for the operators, who were forced to take the longer alternative routes," lamented Suresh Kumar Jain, Mysore Industries Association general secretary.

Engineering flaws

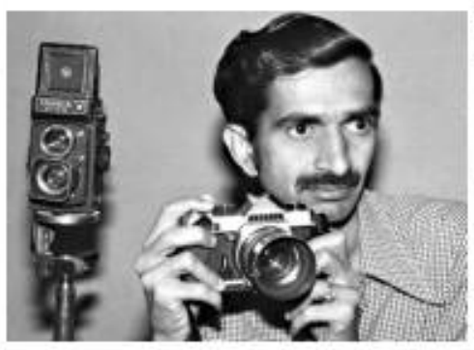
Mr. Jain complained of lapses in the design and monitoring of work for the inundation of the crucial highway. Several others, including Opposition leaders, too have picked holes in the design of the highway. There has been a demand for realigning the highway, given the recent instances of flooding and the engineering lacunae it has exposed. Responding to the complaints, MP for Mysuru Pratap Simha took to social media and denied that the inundation was due to "poor quality" of work.

The Mysuru-Bengaluru highway, which has been taken up for widening, is not only one of the busiest highways in Karnataka but also a crucial link ensuring road connectivity to thousands of people commuting between the two cities. The residents of Mysuru as well as its tourism, IT, and manufacturing industries are all looking forward to a faster commute between the two cities on the widened highway, which promises to reduce the travel time to less than 90 minutes. But crucially, it is safe and reliable, say regular commuters, who are alarmed by the flooding the stretch has experienced over the last month.

In the frame

An exhibition of photographs from the golden era of Kannada cinema captured by Ashwath Narayan, goes on display in Bengaluru this weekend

:: MURALIDHARA KHAJANE



Candid camera No moment was too trivial for Ashwath Narayan (centre) to capture • ASHWATH NARAYAN

Once upon a time, film stills were displayed at single-screen theatres, safely out of the reach of memorabilia hunters, in glass cases under a banner proudly proclaiming "Now Showing". Now, unseen gems from the 88-year-old history of the Kannada film industry, as captured by photojournalist Ashwath Narayan, between 1966 and 2005, will go on display at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat.

"I initially wanted to display over 500 pictures but had to settle for 300 due to lack of space. We limited ourselves to 'behind the scene' photographs of artistes on location and technicians at work," says Ashwath, talking about the exhibition titled, Nenapu-Ashwath Camera Kannalli (Memories-through lens eye of Ashwath) which was curated by cinematographer BS Basavaraj and film historian Doddahullura Rukkoji.

Among the exhibits are pictures of a few Hindi film legends such as Raj Kapoor, Rajesh Khanna, and Jaya Bhaduri, among others. "They were quite cooperative and down to earth – whether it was Rajesh Khanna, Amrish Puri or Pran, they did not flaunt their stardom," Ashwath recalls.

Ashwath and his family have been closely linked to the history of Kannada cinema for decades – Pragati Studio in Gandhi Nagar, established in 1972, exclusively took movie stills and eventually came to be known as Pragati Ashwath Narayan. It pulled down its shutters in 2005.

Ashwath's interest in photography began in 1965 and he credits his brother Nagesh Baba, who was running Three Star Studio dedicated to cinema in T Nagar, in Chennai, for nudging him in this direction.

"My brother asked me to assist him in his studio after my matriculation examination in Bengaluru," Ashwath says. "One day he asked me to visit a set and photograph the ongoing shooting. Once there, I was pleasantly surprised to see that the movie was *Belli Moda* (1967) – directed by Puttanna Kanagal, it was the first Kannada movie to be shot exclusively outdoors."

Since then Ashwath never looked back and went on to document the making of over 300 movies, gracefully exiting the scene in 2005, when digital photography took over.

Looking back at his career, Ashwath says he is equally indebted to film-makers, cinematographers, technicians and many others for the singular success he has enjoyed. Apart from working with greats such as Puttanna Kanagal, S Siddalingaiah, Bangale Shama Rao Dwarakanath (popularly known as Dwarakish) and others, he has also been credited with capturing the first images of Shankar Nag, Charan Raj, Sridhar and other legends.

Ashwath was instrumental in capturing stills for over 11 of Puttanna Kanagal's films. He recalls, "I was constantly shooting around Puttanna and initially, he would just tolerate me. However, he slowly understood the importance of capturing the process of filmmaking and accepted me as a part of his unit."

Puttanna alone is the subject of around 600 negatives Ashwath has, some of which he is digitising. "Almost any photo of his that appears today was taken by me," says Ashwath, who held an exhibition of over 200 photographs documenting Puttanna's working style in 2011.

Generations of cinema-goers have seen his photos on various platforms, often displayed without giving Ashwath credit. His book *Chitrapatha*, is an attempt to introduce today's generation to the bygone days of Kannada cinema and yesteryear stars. *Dr Rajkumar-Samagra Charitre*, by Doddahullura Rukkoji which won a National award, has over 700 pictures of the legendary movie star shot by Ashwath. Similarly, books on S Siddalingaiah and Puttanna Kanagal by writer Shashidhar Chitradurga boast of photos clicked by Ashwath, who has a treasure trove of over 3 lakh negatives captured in his Rolleicord – a medium format twin lens reflex camera.

"His black-and-white images, captured mostly in natural light have a magical effect. Each of his frames tell a story; at the same time, they are instructive and informative about the process of filmmaking itself. There is a candid, endearing quality about his images – you can see his love for cinema shine through them," says BS Basavaraj, noted cinematographer, who worked with Ashwath in Siddalingaiah's *Bhootayyana Maga Ayyu*.

Black and white remains Ashwath's favourite format. "In black and white pictures, there is no distraction of colour. There was a time when films were marketed based on the album of stills captured during their making. They were used to trigger curiosity in potential audiences," he says, ruefully admitting that the art has since been reduced to a modelling stint. "All stills today feature the actors or actresses modelling," says Ashwath, adding that it was one of the reasons he bid adieu to still photography.

Now 76, Ashwath is worried about the preservation of his pictures' negatives. He is planning to create a virtual library which would give film historians, writers, students and archivists access to his treasure trove of visuals; however, the dearth of funds has been a major obstacle. "So far, over 70,000 negatives have been digitised. The National Film Archives of India (NFAI) offered me a dignified sum for handing over my visual property, but I refused. My intention is to preserve these pictures for the benefit of Kannada cinema. If the Government shows any interest, I am ready to part with them for the Karnataka Film Archives being planned by Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy."

Nenapu-Ashwath Camera Kannalli, an exhibition of rare photographs on Kannada cinema, will be on display at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat from September 2-4.

NOSTALGIA NUGGET

According to Ashwath, in the golden days of Kannada cinema, movies such as *Bangarada Manushya* by Siddalingaiah which was released in 1972, ran for 100 weeks – a far cry from the 100 days that are now celebrated with much fanfare.

What lies beneath

Bodies at Sea, a multi sensorial, experiential display explores parallels between the human anatomy and the ocean

:: RUTH DHANARAJ

Have you ever wondered about what lies beneath your skin? Much happens inside our bodies that we hardly pay any attention to – blood flowing, fluids sloshing, acids breaking down or building up – there is a whole world within that churns away under our surface that we take for granted, pausing only when something goes amiss. In Bodies At Sea, artist Devika Sundar and designer Kamini Rao draw parallels with the human body and the ocean, two entities with yet-to-be-discovered hidden depths.

Using the imagery of submerged chambers and innumerable channels, Bodies At Sea traces the boundaries between the perceptible and hidden, the invisible and the physical.

Friends for over 17 years, Devika says she and Kamini had long wanted to work on a project together. When the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) in Bengaluru issued an open call on works that were themed Boundaries, Bodies at Sea submitted by the duo was adjudged the winning proposal. As part of the project, the proposal had to utilise content from NCBS' archives.

"Our goal was to design, curate and create something that was immersive as well as experiential. That was how our ideation began, spanning over a year and a half. We went through the archives at NCBS and looked at ways to present the archives in a way that viewers could interact and engage different senses to experience it," says Devika.

"We worked with the art medium in two different ways – while Devika is a fine artist, I am more into spatial storytelling fields," says Kamini , adding, "We knew early on that we wanted to work with KS Krishnan's body of work. Once we won this proposal, we looked at overarching themes of fluidity between the body and the ocean as seen as in the archives.

KS Krishnan, professor emeritus at NCBS, had researched cone snails found along the Indian coast and in the course of his work spanning several decades, he not only studied the medical application of cone snail toxins as potential pain relievers but also saw the ocean as a limitless arena for scientific discovery and innovation.

While exploring ideas, Devika says she remembered how diagnostic imagery had a marine-like quality to them which opened up a narrative around human bodies and oceanic ones. "There was a visual synergy between Devika's artwork and sea forms and the patterns they were creating. We conceptualised a space where a reimagined aquarium meets medical museum," says Kamini.

"There is the inaccessibility of our own bodies, it is an unchartered territory we are still trying to understand and diagnose. We felt there was a sense of mystery within both these environments that we wanted to capture," Devika adds.

Once the duo ideated their project, they began looking at the body and the sea as depicted by other artists and archives around the world. Apart from Devika's impression of internal organs in mixed media, Bodies At Sea includes photographs from Rohan Chakravarty's A Way Back Home, Ipsa Jain's zines on cells as well as scans and transparencies backlit and presented as lightbox images. Visitors to the exhibit can see Krishnan's letter to other colleagues as well as maps, photos of field stations, shells from his research.

Bodies At Sea is at the National Centre for Biological Sciences from 10 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Friday and on the weekend via email appointment (archives@ncbs.res.in), till December 2022. For a guided tour mail devika.nsundar@gmail.com or kamini@studioslip.com

Waterworld wonders An exhibit from Bodies at Sea, Devika Sunar and Kamini Rao • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

FRIDAYREVIEW

Dreaming in technicolour

Bengaluru's CAUSE Foundation will be presenting *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* this weekend

:: RUTH DHANARAJ

To celebrate their 25th anniversary this year, Bengaluru's CAUSE Foundation will stage, *Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat* over the weekend. The classic musical, which came out in 1968, was one of the first shows performed by The CAUSE Foundation in the year of its inception.

"This is the third time we are performing *Joseph*," says Leila Alvares, founder-director of The CAUSE (Cooperation of the Arts for the Underprivileged in Society & Environment) Foundation. "The first time, 25 years ago, we followed the script faithfully and the second time round, we reinterpreted it a little bit. However, for our third rendition, we have taken many liberties with the way we are portraying it; all with approval, of course."

"There is far more spoofing this time, to make it more interesting and entertaining, but the music and lyrics remain the same as they cannot be changed," she says, adding that her ideas for variations to the script came as she saw her troupe rehearse.

Leila says she feels blessed that her 35-member cast is comparatively quite young. "Over the years, we have had members who have been with us 10 years or more before they left the city for higher studies or jobs. For this show, almost 90% of my cast are youngsters as well as artistes who will be performing with us for the first time. With the exception of a few cast members who have been with me from the start, this is almost like starting all over again."

Footloose Leila Alvares (right); and the troupe at rehearsal • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"One of the objectives of The CAUSE Foundation is to promote local talent and it is like a breath of fresh air to work with people who are enthusiastic, energetic and on-the-ball. I am blessed to have an extremely talented group of young musicians too; my entire band has changed with the exception of my bass guitarist who is now my drummer as well as music director."

The cast includes some of the city's well-known musical talent such as Rahael Thomas, Alapana Bagirath, Madhuri Braganza, Shyju Varkey, Arvind Kasthuri and Prem Koshy among others. They will be accompanied by Aashish Paul, choreographed by Ritu VK and directed by Elexer Fernandes.

Following its performance in Bengaluru, The CAUSE Foundation will stage *Joseph...* in Mysore on September 10 at Jaganmohan Palace and at Town Hall in Mangaluru on September 17, before moving on to Goa.

The musical is an irreverent take on the Biblical story of Jacob and his 12 sons, set to musical genres as different as the colours on the dreamcoat – rock 'n' roll, calypso, ballads and more.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, by The CAUSE Foundation will be staged at Chowdiah Memorial Hall on September 3 and 4. For tickets log on to BookMyShow or call 98844 69903.

Music, dance and Harry Potter

Head to Lahe Lahe this Sunday for a series of events. From 11 am to 12 pm, there will be (for ages 12 and above) a discussion on the seven Harry Potter books. You can groove to Bhangra beats or do the salsa. There is a music performance too.
On September 4, 11am to 8pm at Lahe Lahe. For more information, call 9886294444.

Fresh from the farms

Bangalore Creative Circus has curated a group of farmers and producers selling fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, homemade bread, jams, dips, and more. There will also be music, arts, food, a venue for pet adoption, and more.
On September 4, 11am to 3pm at Bangalore Creative Circus. Free entry. For more information, call 9611854141

Bharatanatyam and you

Danseuse Savitha Sastry and filmmaker AK Srikanth's short film, *Arangetram*, is releasing on September 2. This short, the makers claim, is a throwback to the cinema of breezy comedies such as *Chupke Chupke*, *Angoor*, and *Golmaal*. It is also an attempt to popularise Bharatanatyam. The short film, which will be up on Savitha's YouTube channel (Savitha Sastry) and her Instagram page (savitha_sastry), features several Tamil cinema and television artistes. The film revolves around an "apartment-dwelling middle class" family and conveys how age should never be a bar to go after one's dreams.

Turn the beat around

Romanian dance pop artist Akcent will be performing at Phoenix MarketCity on Sunday evening. His single, 'Kylie', which is the English version of 'Dragoste de inchiriat', has topped many European charts. The evening line-up also features some Indian names.
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Slow improvement

Fiscal authorities should spur consumption and investment to aid faster recovery

The latest official GDP estimates would in normal circumstances be a cause for cheer, pointing as they ostensibly do to a double-digit expansion in economic output in the first quarter. The NSO's projection of 13.5% growth in gross domestic product from the year-earlier April-June period, however, is disconcertingly slower than the 16.2% pace that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had projected just last month and points to an economy that is still in search of a firmer footing. Faced with headwinds – signs of a global recession and the Ukraine war – the first-quarter's underwhelming momentum may pitch the economy into a far shallower growth trajectory even as faster-than-acceptable inflation erodes consumer confidence. Output in the eight broad sectors that combine to provide the Gross Value Added (GVA) shows that while year-on-year all sectors expanded, with public administration, defence and other services growing 26.3%, six of these sectors posted sequential contractions. Only two services sectors – electricity, gas, water and other utility services, and financial and professional services – logged expansions from the January-March quarter, growing by 12.6% and 23.7%, respectively. The major employment-providing sectors of agriculture, manufacturing, construction and the contact-intensive trade, hotels and transport services sector suffered quarter-on-quarter contractions of 13.3%, 10.5%, 22.3% and 24.6%, respectively.

The demand side has flattered to deceive. Private final consumption expenditure, the essential bulwark of the economy, appeared to have revived with a year-on-year expansion of 25.9% lifting its share in the GDP to just shy of 60%. However, when viewed sequentially, the estimated ₹22.08 lakh crore of private consumption spending in April-June 2022 was a not insignificant ₹54,000 crore, or 2.4%, less than what was spent in the preceding quarter. And both government spending and gross fixed capital formation, which is viewed as a proxy for private investment, shrank quarter-on-quarter by 10.4% and 6.8%, respectively, undermining overall output. That GDP, in fact, contracted 9.6% sequentially should be a cause for concern among policymakers. Given that this year's monsoon has distributed rains in an erratic scattershot pattern that has caused disruptive flooding in some parts while leaving key paddy and pulses growing areas in northern and eastern India moisture deficient, both farm output and consumer spending in the rural hinterland are likely to take a hit. And with global trade also becalmed amid the sharp slowdown in advanced economies, India's merchandise exports are sure to weaken in momentum, any benefits from the rupee's depreciation against the dollar notwithstanding. With the RBI needing to stay laser focused on taming inflation, the onus is on fiscal authorities to spur consumption and investment.

A revert to the mean

Increase in violent crimes, suicides in 2021 points to indirect consequences of pandemic

In a worrying trend, the registration in violent crimes such as rape, kidnapping, atrocities against children, robberies and murders increased in 2021 to levels set before the pandemic, in comparison to the drop in 2020, according to the annual report, "Crime in India" released by the NCRB earlier this week. The drop, in 2020, seemed to, therefore, be an anomaly, either due to lowered registration or a partial decrease in occurrence as there were extensive lockdowns and office shutdowns. While there was an increase in violent crimes in 2021, the overall crime rate (per one lakh people) decreased from 487.8 in 2020 to 445.9 in 2021, largely due to a decrease in cases registered under disobedience to a public servant's order, relating to the lockdowns. If 2020 was the year when India faced the first COVID-19 wave, 2021 was equally a fraught year because of the effect of the Delta variant of the novel coronavirus; the frequency and intensity of the lockdowns were relatively lower in comparison to 2020. "Cruelty by husband or his relatives" constituted 31.8% of crimes against women, up from 30.2% in 2020 and 30.9% in 2019, indicating that domestic violence continued to be a major issue. While violent crimes increased, the chargesheeting rate fell from 75.8% in 2020 to 72.3% in 2021, as did the conviction rate (57% from 59.2% in 2020). So, law enforcement was less responsive in a year with more violent crimes. Again these trends have to be read State-wise – Assam (76.6 violent crimes per one lakh people), Delhi (57) and West Bengal (48.7) had the highest numbers while Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu registered the lowest numbers.

The report also revealed that the suicide rate in the population in 2021 – 12 per one lakh people was the highest in the last five years. Domestic problems (33.2%) and illnesses (18.6%) were reported as the main reasons, with most victims being daily wage earners (25.6%) and housewives (14.1%), revealing the severity of the pandemic and its indirect consequences on people. With India registering the highest excess deaths during the pandemic, in particular during the Delta wave according to the World Health Organization, these figures are not surprising. The 5.9% jump in cases registered as cyber crimes over 2020, also indicates the increasing use of digital devices and the related challenges. This increase was more so in rural areas as cyber crime in metropolitan cities (with population more than two million people) registered a decline of 8.3% compared to 2020. With more people in rural areas utilising digital devices, including for financial purposes, the increase in cybercrimes should warrant an effort by the Government to educate people about risks in cyber activities and to ensure better law enforcement.

Academia, research and the glass ceiling in India

True gender parity is when institutions consider women as assets rather than it being just a diversity rectification issue

SUPRAKASH CHANDRA ROY

Gender issues, particularly gender inequality and discrimination in academia relating to higher education, perhaps came under the spotlight for the first time in India in 1933 when Kamala Sohonie approached Sir C.V. Raman to pursue research in physics under his guidance. The Nobel Laureate and illustrious director of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, turned the request down on the ground that 'she was a woman'.

Sohonie ignored the refusal which was based on gender discrimination and went on a satyagraha in front of the director's office. She was then admitted for one year on condition that her work for the year would not be recognised till the director was satisfied with the quality of her research and that her presence did not distract her male colleagues pursuing research. Similarly, in 1937, Professor D.M. Bose, then Palit Professor of physics at Calcutta University, was reluctant to include Bibha Chowdhuri in his research group on the ground that he did not have suitable research projects to assign to women. Chowdhuri was unfazed and had her way. She joined D.M. Bose's research group. Her work on cosmic rays in determining the mass of mesons is legendary.

These are only two well-known examples of gender discrimination in academics and there are many more such examples. In 2018, Prof. Alessandro Strumia of Pisa University, a theoretical physicist who regularly works at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research in Switzerland, claimed at a workshop organised by CERN that "physics was invented and built by men, it's not by invitation" and that 'male scientists were being discriminated against because of ideology rather than merit' implying that women are less capable than men in physics research. CERN called the presentation "highly offensive" and suspended him pending an investigation. Ironically, a day later, Donna Strickland was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics, for her work on lasers, and became the third woman to win a physics Nobel, after Marie Curie in 1903 and Maria Goeppert Mayer in 1963.

The general bias against women which arose out of suspected capability of their intelligence and their mettle in undertaking the arduous task of research was quite common in the 20th century. Things have changed and the glass ceiling has been broken. But how far have we progressed in the last 100 years in shedding this bias and ensuring that women are on a par with men in academic institutions?

Government's incentives

Despite the remarkable improvement in the participation of women in higher education and participation in the workforce over the past decades, progress has still been quite uneven. The Government of India has been ramping up efforts to remove gender inequality by providing incentives for women's higher education. Some of these initiatives such as the Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions (GATI), i.e., a pilot project under the Department of Science and Technology to promote gender equity in science and technology, and Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing (KIRAN), i.e., a plan under the Department of Science and Technology again to encourage women scientists in science and technology and also preventing women scientists from giving up research due to family reasons, are noteworthy. Some institutions are setting up creches so that the scientist mothers can carry on with their research work uninterrupted. Universities too are trying their best to be equal opportunity employers.

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However, despite all these endeavours, there is still a gender bias that persists and which has not been removed fully. Women are still an under-represented population globally in hardcore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Women and STEM

In this respect, India's position in academia is disappointing. According to available UNESCO data on some selected countries, India is at the lowest position, having only 14% female researchers working in STEM areas. But India is not very far behind many advanced countries in this aspect. For example, Japan has only 16% female researchers, the Netherlands 26%, the United States 27% and the United Kingdom 39%. Countries with a fairly good ratio in terms of an equal number of female and male researchers are South Africa and Egypt, with 45% female researchers each, and Cuba, at 49%. The highest number of female researchers are in Tunisia, Africa (55%) followed by Argentina (53%) and New Zealand (52%).

In India, about 43% of women constitute the graduate population in STEM, which is one of the highest in the world, but there is a downside to this; only 14% of women join academic institutions and universities. Although male and female participation in graduate studies is comparable, the participation of women in research has dropped significantly (27% female as compared to 73% male). Thus, the visibility of female faculty in universities and research institutes is significantly lower. But what is bothersome is that the percentage of women in faculty positions begins to shrink with each step up the ladder. The number decreases when it comes to a position involving decision-making. Even recognition of merit when it comes to women is sluggish when it comes to the total number of women fellows in the three science academies of India – 7% for the Indian Academy of Sciences (IAS), which was founded in 1934; 5% for the Indian National Science Academy (INSA), which was established in 1935, and 8% for the National Academy of Sciences India (NASI), which was founded in 1930.

According to a report published recently, at most STEM institutes, women occupy 20% of all professorial positions. The more prestigious the institute, the lower the number of women employees. For example, in IIT Madras only 31 out of 314 professors (10.2%) and in IIT Bombay only 25 out of 143 professors (17.5%) are women. Analysis of a few leading private universities does not reflect any significant difference. The number of female participants in decision-making bodies such as the board of governors or council of institutes of higher education of repute is abysmally low.

According to a survey by the University Grants Commission (UGC), seven (13%) of the 54 central universities; 52 (-11%) of the 456 State universities; 10 (8%) of the 126 deemed universities; and 23 (- 6%) of the 419 private universities have female vice-chancellors. Out of the six Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) established in the 20th century, only IIT Kharagpur and IIT Delhi have women members on their governing body. As Anita Bhogle in her recent book, *Equal, Yet Different - Career Catalysts for the Professional Woman* has reasoned, a lot of this is because women are wired differently, and their challenges are different.

In the corporate world

On the contrary, participation of women in leadership and decision-making positions in private enterprises (the corporate sector) is startling when compared to the reality in academics. The number of women in senior management positions in the corporate sector in India is 39%, which is higher than the global average. Number of women CEOs in Fortune 500 companies is 15% while female board members in the management of private enterprises has been growing from 15% (2016), 16.9% (2018) to 19.7% in 2022. If this trend continues, near parity will be reached by 2045, according to a forecast made by Deloitte.

It is worth reflecting on the reasons for this discrepancy in female participation in higher positions in these two sectors. The mechanism of selection and promoting personnel in the private sector is mostly based on competence or merit because it is more result (market) oriented with a definite matrix than what it is in the academic institutes. A professor at Cambridge once remarked that the marketplace does not worship false idols and, therefore, makes empirically correct judgements.

Second, encouraging the participation of women in the workforce in the private sector with the adoption of various schemes for women began long ago when compared to the initiatives taken by the Government of India in recent years. Various schemes such as flexi-hour worktime, rejoining the workforce after an interim break, sections operated only by women, etc. were introduced in private enterprises as early as the 1990s with the benefits being reaped now.

It is hoped the programmes that have been initiated by the Government to empower women in the workforce will usher in gender parity by 2047, which would mark the centenary of India's Independence. Most importantly, gender equality or parity will happen only when there is a change in mindset and institutions consider women as assets rather than simply a diversity rectification issue.

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The big-picture takeaways from China's Taiwan drills

The PLA has still to cover some gaps before it gains the confidence and warfare proficiency in any planned invasion

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The recently concluded military drills by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) in the Taiwan Strait just after the United States House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taipei in early August reveal a great deal about the nature of the military capabilities of the People's Republic of China. The Chinese military conducted these exercises in six zones around Taiwan with the express aim of testing their capacity to execute an encircling invasive attack against the Taiwanese main island.

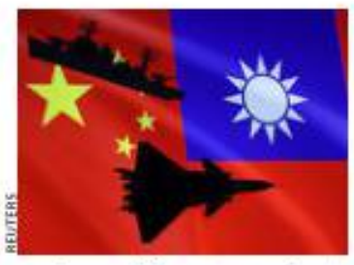
Overview of capabilities

There are three areas the Chinese have built capabilities in order to successfully prosecute an invasion of Taiwan. The first of these is China's air assault capabilities consisting of rotary and fixed wing aircraft for an invasion of Taiwan. The second is in the area of missile capabilities. The third is the PLA's Joint Logistic Support Force (PLAJLSF). Although a detailed analysis may take time, there is a reasonable amount of preliminary evidence to indicate where the relative strengths and weaknesses of the PLA exist following the conclusion of these exercises. Although China's Eastern Theater Command (ETC) is responsible for planning and executing any potential invasion of Taiwan, the Southern Theater Command (STC) was also in an advanced state of alert for these drills.

Using air power

First, the Chinese have made substantial progress in the development and operation of rotary and fixed wing aircraft for dedicated assault missions against Taiwan. The People's Liberation Army Army (PLAA) latest helicopters are almost as advanced as their American variants. The comprehensive reorganisation of the PLA into group armies has enabled the Chinese to significantly operationalise their rotary wing aircraft. Indeed, the latter could play a key role in any initial assault to capture Taiwan. An aviation brigade is part of each of the PLAA's 13 group armies and also integral to the group armies deployed in Xinjiang and Tibet.

Alternatively, the rotary component of aviation brigades, which represents frontline combat capabilities of the PLAA, could be kept in reserve and pressed into action for a prospective invasion of Taiwan following an initial assault with less advanced rotary aircraft in the PLAA inventory. There are two specialised air assault brigades as part of the PLAA's 75th and 83rd group armies that are directly geared for an air assault mission against Taiwan. These brigades have a demonstrated capacity to remain airborne for a long period, but this is insufficient as any potential invasion would require them to fly in close formations while simultaneously maintaining effective air-ground and air-sea communication. The latest drills do not definitively confirm these capabilities. The aviation brigades of the PLAA are a growing strength, but will only reach optimum strength, both operationally and technologically, over the next decade.



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Missile strength

Missile capabilities are the second area where the PLA demonstrated its strength. According to the ETC, the PLA fired several long-range missiles of the Dong-Feng (DF) class in the vicinity of the islands of Matsu, Wuqiu and Dongyin. The purpose was to test whether the PLA's missile brigades could coordinate missile strikes and carry out post-attack battle damage assessment. The PLA likely gained information about Taiwan's missile defence capabilities covering the island's missile radar tracking capabilities. In addition, the People's Liberation Army Rocket Force (PLARF) which carried out tests also likely assessed the rapidity and precision with which Taiwanese defences could be suppressed to prepare Chinese forces for an air and amphibious assault. Conversely, the Chinese have revealed a significant amount to their adversaries, especially the Americans, about the strength and disposition of their missile forces.

Issue of logistics

Finally, a key focus of the PLAJLSF has been in the area of precision logistics which were not per se tested in any consequential degree by the PLAJLSF in the latest drills. Indeed, it is a core weakness of the PLA – without logistics, a full-scale invasion of Taiwan is impossible. Notwithstanding improvements, China's amphibious assault capabilities, which are indispensable to an invasion, are a key weakness and can only succeed if the PLA also has a highly developed and taut logistics support system. The PLA is working on the creation of a logistics network that is capable of time-sensitive responses that combine speed, precision and efficiency. Relying heavily on its BeiDou Satellite Navigation System, the PLAJLSF is trying to ensure communications and coordination between spread out mobile units on the battlefield.

Beyond timely combat support centred on supplies, reinforcements and repairs, evacuation and medical assistance to dispersed air and amphibious assault units in unforgiving and demanding battlefield conditions will be crucial for a sustained and effective military mission across the Taiwan Strait. However, the PLA is deficient in amphibious vessels, and has an inadequate number of personnel trained for complex logistics missions and military transport aircraft.

The military drills conducted by the PRC earlier this month were only a partial demonstration of the PLA's military prowess. Irrespective of the progress made by the Chinese, the PLA has still some distance to traverse before it gains the confidence and the requisite proficiency for combined arms warfare that is crucial to the invasion of Taiwan. Significantly complicating the latter is an American intervention on behalf of Taiwan, neutralising China's aim of a low-cost swift and decisive capture of the island, rendering any cross-strait military action by the PRC into a protracted war. The PRC may need to complete several drills, which could lead to more crises, before it can actually execute an invasion.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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New pledges

The article, "Pledges from Red Fort, pledges by every Indian" (Editorial page , August 31), is a true analysis of the grim Indian scenario. The writer's exhortations are well timed, which, if acted upon, can be translated into reality. The article must serve as a 'common minimum programme' for the political Opposition. A mass movement is the need of the hour in view of the many dangers behind our democracy.

P.K. SHARMA,
Barnala, Punjab

■ There is an ever-widening gap in terms of income inequality, with a more than willing pro-corporate Government. A few individuals who could take new pledges might not be able to make a difference as there could be fiery rhetoric keeping 2024 in mind which could mesmerise many.

G.B. SIVANANDAM,
Coimbatore

■ The advice of the Mahatma was what came to my mind after reading the article. It is unfortunate that even after 75 years of Independence, Gandhian values are not followed in letter and spirit. Though the pledges are valid for not only Indians but also all other citizens across the world, the point is whether they would be followed in the present global environment, which is difficult.

R. BASKAR,
Kamankurichi, Salem, Tamil Nadu

■ The state of India is a revelation. The common man stares at difficult times especially with rising prices of many essential commodities. He has got only empty promises in return. Even so, I join hands with Sam Pitroda in taking the pledges and I do hope that others do so.

SAJAN SEBASTIAN,
Nedumparampil, Kavalam, Kerala

Floods and foes

India and Pakistan should not miss the opportunity to help each other in times of crisis. India should take the lead in extending help to Pakistan, especially as we have not hesitated to help even Afghanistan that was in the grip of terror and also run by a regime with terrorist associations. Even our help to Sri.Lanka has been without expecting anything in return. Pakistan too should not show any aversion to accepting our help. Crisis should be a prelude to a detente between the two brother-nations.

DHARMARAJAN A.K.,
Thalassery, Kerala

■ Pakistan may have its selfish reasons to seek a relaxation of trade restrictions with India. Still, India ought to engage with Pakistan which would perhaps lead to a thaw in the frosty relationship. Both countries should take lessons from the amity and bonhomie shown by their cricket teams in Dubai.

AANYA SINGHAL,
Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Road accidents

It is disheartening that Chennai leads other cities in the country in deaths due to road accidents. It is imperative that provisions are made in the law for deterrent penalties for rash and negligent driving. Speeding two-wheelers are also a cause. There is a need for close surveillance.

N. RAMA RAO,
Chennai

Can civil servants express their views on law, governance?

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The Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules could distinguish between government policy and action

On India's 76th Independence Day, the Gujarat government released 11 men convicted on charges of gang-raping Bilkis Bano, who was 21 years old and five months pregnant at that time, and murdering seven members of her family, including her three-year-old daughter, during the 2002 riots. The convicts, once released, were felicitated with garlands and sweets. Two days later, Ms. Bano issued a statement saying, "the trauma of the past 20 years washed over me again." Soon thereafter, a senior IAS officer, Smita Sabharwal from Telangana, tweeted from her personal account in support of Ms. Bano and questioned the Gujarat government's decision, sparking off a row over whether she was in breach of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules of 1964 and reviving the debate on the freedom of civil servants to express their personal views on matters of law and governance. In an interview moderated by **Sonam Saigal**, *Justice B.N. Srikrishna and K. Sujatha Rao discuss the issue. Edited excerpts:*

B.N. Srikrishna *is a retired justice of the Supreme Court*

K. Sujatha Rao *is a retired IAS officer*

On August 17, Ms. Sabharwal quoted Ms. Bano's statement and tweeted, "As a woman and a civil servant I sit in disbelief, on reading the news on the #BilkisBanoCase. We cannot snuff out her Right to breathe free without fear, again and call ourselves a free nation. #JusticeForBilkisBano". As a bureaucrat, was she wrong in tweeting this?

B.N. Srikrishna: The citizens of this country have the fundamental right of free speech guaranteed to them under the Constitution, which is subject to reasonable restrictions in the interest of securing the state's sovereignty, international relations, health, morality, etc. She has the right to tweet. But when you undertake a government service, you subject yourself to certain disciplinary rules. That prevents a government servant from becoming a member of a political organisation, or any organisation of such a nature, or expressing herself freely with regard to anything that has to do with the governance of the country.

This rule is of the British era. There is no doubt that the British were very, very strict and didn't want their officers to be talking about how bad the governance was. But in a democracy, the right to criticise the government is a fundamental right and nobody can muzzle that. Unfortunately, I didn't have an opportunity to express myself by sitting on the bench either in Bombay or in Kerala or in the Supreme Court, but I would have said this very loudly and without hesitation.

There is a recent judgment of then Tripura High Court Chief Justice Akil Kureshi, one of the best judges I have come across, who did not get enough due because of obvious reasons. He said something very interesting in a (2020) judgment (*Lipika Paul v. The State Of Tripura*), "As a Government servant the petitioner is not devoid of her right of free speech, a fundamental right which can be curtailed only by a valid law." She (the petitioner) was entitled to hold her own beliefs and express them in the manner she desired, subject to not crossing the borders laid down in the Conduct Rules which were applicable in Tripura. A fundamental right cannot be curtailed except by a valid law made by a legislature. In 2018, the Kerala High Court had said, "One cannot be prevented from expressing his views merely because he is an employee. In a democratic society, every institution is governed by democratic norms. Healthy criticism is a better way to govern a public institution." I think the trend is that judges are taking the view that IAS officers have a right to express themselves in a legitimate and decent manner.

Today, things are very bad. I must confess, if I were to stand in a public square and say I don't like the face of the Prime Minister, somebody might raid me, arrest me, throw me in jail without giving me any reason. Now that is something that all of us should oppose as citizens.

Sujatha Rao: There are two views in this case. Most colleagues, particularly those who are serving in the government, would take exception and not be very supportive – because the general belief is that as

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IAS officers, we should not talk against government actions or government policies in public fora. And if at all we feel very strongly about something that is being done or acted upon, we can at best, if it is such a serious situation, approach the associations.

The Bilkis case was a travesty of justice. It crossed all borders of fairness and humanism. The gang rape and the murder of the child were horrific. Despite that, you find the convicts are not even in jail for life. A committee was constituted so casually and a 1992 [remission] policy was invoked even though there are new laws. And the committee had five members of the ruling party. They just released them and there was a celebration about it – it's a mockery [of justice].

In such a situation, Smita tweeted as a woman. There was anger. Why she added the words 'civil servant' is because the dharma of the civil servant is to uphold constitutional principles in letter and in spirit, and the rule of law. In this case, both the spirit of the Constitution and the rule of law were being subverted. This could be a very dangerous precedent, as we saw recently [when] the Andhra Pradesh government released eight murder convicts (on remission, despite them not completing the mandatory 14 years in jail). If murderers are going to be released by executive action, what is the point of having courts? Wind up the courts and let just the collector, the ruling party, decide who should be in jail and who should not be in jail. For some actions if civil servants, whether retired or in service, speak up, that would have some kind of a deterrent [effect] on the arbitrary abuse of bureaucratic power.

> **We need to make a differentiation between what is something that's going to hurt society, hurt the Constitution, and the rule of law.**
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> K. SUJATHA RAO

Rule 9 of the Rules of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules states, "No Government servant shall... make any statement of fact or opinion... which has the effect of an adverse criticism of any current or recent policy or action of the Central Government or a State Government." Isn't this in violation of Article 19 (freedom of speech and expression) of the Constitution?

BNS: The courts are now veering towards the view that this rule is too stringent and cannot be applied in this manner. I agree that once you take up government service, you surrender and allow some restrictions on your fundamental rights. You are to operate within bounds. The rule says you cannot criticise a policy judgment. This is a very vague expression and needs to be carefully scrutinised. Releasing criminals who had committed heinous crimes prematurely, without application of mind... is that a policy? I hope that someday the Supreme Court will sit down and thrash out these issues carefully.

SR: No, I don't think the rules violate Article 19. It is a rule, it's not the law. It's not in the Constitution. Freedom of speech is given in the Constitution, but these are Conduct Rules and they are imposed because there has to be some discipline in an organisation for that organisation to function. There is a process of decision-making. Right from below, the matter is examined, the pros and cons are taken up, the bureaucracy is given an opportunity to examine all the aspects, write their notes of objection or support, and finally it reaches the political executive. When a policy is decided, it has to be obeyed and complied with by the bureaucracy.

So, do you think that there was a problem with the medium through which the officer shared her opinion? Would it have been better if she had simply done it behind closed doors?

BNS: Whether she had written an op-ed in *The Hindu* or tweeted or posted about it on Facebook, the bounds are the same, the bounds don't change the game, the rules of the game remain the same. Ultimately, it's your fundamental right which has to be reasonably restricted. The reasonableness of the restriction is not in the medium, it is in the manner in which you're restricted, the purpose for which your right is restricted and the method by which it is restricted, namely, by legislation made in accordance with the Supreme Court in the *Puttaswamy* case (which holds that the right to privacy is protected as a fundamental right under the Constitution) in connection with data protection law. I think it is time that this country encourages its democratic principles.

SR: No, she (Ms. Sabharwal) has no authority to express her opinion behind closed doors. What authority does she have? This is happening in Gujarat. She is not a stakeholder in the decision-making process. These rules were made way back during the British time. The scene has changed today. We have social media and there are no laws that say that because I am serving the government, I cannot use Twitter. If I can tweet about my holidays, I can also share my views with my followers saying, 'I'm very pained by what's happened today.' She has not given a speech about it; it is just a private communication on Twitter. She chose to express her anguish.

Nowadays, many government officers and ministers are encouraged to communicate government policies to the general public through social media. So, isn't it time to 'un-gag' civil servants when it comes to commenting on such decisions?

BNS: Unfortunately, government officers are given only one way of encouragement: say good things in the media. Do they have the liberty as of today to say what is bad? The only problem I see is, if you are going to implement a policy, let's understand one thing: in democracy, everybody has a right to express his or her opinion, a right to object, a right to dissent. The same thing could be said for an IAS officer; he or she may have a right to dissent. Once a resolution has been adopted, it's your job to implement it. If you don't implement it, you are not being true to yourself. That is the problem that arises. That is a very, very thin line, and also a question of how to balance the two interests.

SR: Creating more transparency about policies through social media is the duty of a government officer. This has to be taken on a case-by-case basis. I have supported Smita only because it was the Bilkis case. We need to make a differentiation between what is something that's going to hurt society, hurt the Constitution, and the rule of law. This is not a government policy (decision to release convicts on remission). This is an action, which is ordained by the Supreme Court, executed by the government of Gujarat, and the (question is over the) manner in which it has been done. This was an exception.

Do you then think that we need to challenge these rules?

BNS: Yes, somebody could challenge it as offending constitutional fundamental rights; then the Supreme Court would be forced to come down and say either it is good, or it is bad, and give good reasons for that.

NOTEBOOK

Fishing for stories and more

The Agartala Press Club, among the best-equipped in the Northeast, was also famous for fishing

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Agartala is not yet the 'smart city' it seeks to be under the Smart Cities Mission. But it has arguably been the smartest and cleanest urban centre in the Northeast since 1936-37, when the king of the State prepared a master plan, which is said to be one of the first modern concepts of urban planning. The master plan gave Agartala, situated on the banks of the Howrah river, a profusion of lakes, perhaps to match the perfume-yielding Agarwood tree that once grew abundantly enough to give the city its name. Urban expansion claimed the trees, but several lakes, a few shrunken over the years, have remained.

One of the reasons the lakes, most of which are now managed by the Agartala Municipal Corporation, have survived is the passion with which many residents pursue angling, patiently sitting with their fishing rods for a catch often till 10 p.m. daily. Among them are a few journalists who ensure a visit to Agartala is never "wasted" beyond the hours "you need to work". The scribes blame the location of the Agartala Press Club for being bitten by the fishing bug. The Press Club building is on the edge of Durgabaridighi, one of the two lakes flanking Ujjayanta Palace, a museum from where Tripura's kings once ruled. The other lake is Laxminarayanbaridighi. The royalty had named these lakes Gangasagar and Krishnasagar, which are hardly in circulation today.

For the correspondents of mainstream media houses stationed in Guwahati to cover seven or eight north-eastern States, visiting press clubs in other State capitals or towns across the region is a ritual. These are where you get local information, vital leads and contacts, besides refreshing memories of "hunting" in pairs or in a pack. The three-storey Agartala Press Club is among the best-equipped in the region, perhaps a shade less than the larger, four-storey Imphal Press Club. The other press clubs, mostly Assam-type cottages, are paler in contrast. The modest Press Club near Indira Gandhi Park in Arunachal Pradesh's Itanagar is preparing to shift to a grander structure 3 km away while the one in Shillong in Meghalaya has moved into its third structure in three decades. The Guwahati Press Club, supposed to have been the most advanced, stands on an archaeological site.

What sets the Agartala Press Club apart is its ambience. It is sandwiched between Durgabaridighi and a road that leads to a part of the Ujjayanta Palace, retained as the residence of the Tripura royal family. The family is now headed by Pradyot Bikram Manikya Deb Barman whose political party, the Tipraha Indigenous Progressive Regional Alliance, has shaped up to be the toughest challenger of the Bharatiya Janata Party ahead of the 2023 Assembly polls. The Press Club has also stood out for some of its members occasionally "taking a break" with fishing rods at the lake behind the building. It wasn't merely about waiting patiently for fish to catch the bait; it was an elaborate ritual involving investment in red ants and ant eggs, mustard oil cakes, jaggery, flour, rice wine and other local ingredients to prepare a variety of baits.

But today, about half a dozen of the Press Club members, who are hooked onto fishing, have moved to the more serious combo of angling and conservation at the 5.68-hectare lake on the periphery of the Maharaja Bir Bikram College. They are members of the Angling and Aquatic Conservation Society of Tripura which leases College Lake for six months a year from July to December. The other six months are for the upkeep of the lake and for releasing fish seeds. The society headed by veteran angler, Subir Debbarma, has about 500 registered members who operate from 50 self-financed bamboo machans a foot above the water surface. This society has been seeking the wildlife sanctuary tag for the lake as it attracts migratory and resident waterfowl. Sadly, the Press Club is no longer a "fishing zone", an official trip to Agartala after four years revealed.

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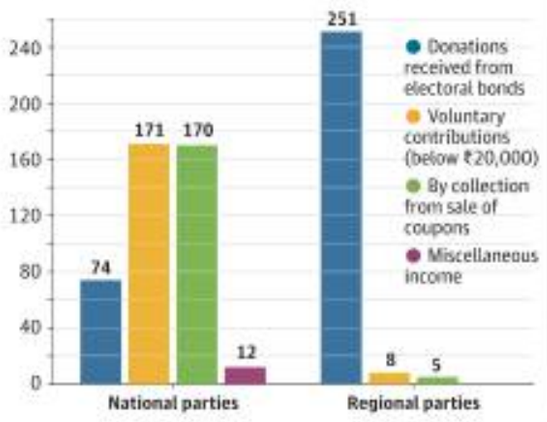
DATA POINT

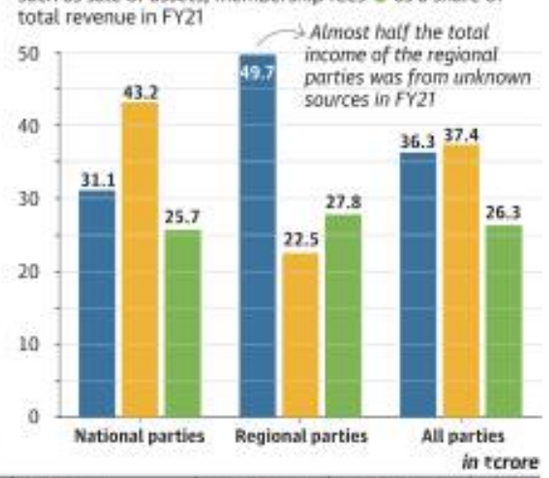
Unknown sources of political funding in FY21

The Association of Democratic Reforms' analysis of the income-tax returns and donation statements of select national and regional political parties in FY21, shows that 36% of the sources remained anonymous. Currently, parties are not required to reveal the names of individuals or organisations making donations that are less than ₹20,000 or those who make donations through electoral bonds. According to the ADR, even though the parties were brought under the RTI Act in June 2013, they have still not complied with the decision, thereby making it difficult to find out the sources

1 Undisclosed sources | The graph shows the amount of funding (in ₹ crore) received in FY21 through unknown sources. The national parties and regional parties received ₹427 crore and ₹264 crore worth of funds, respectively, from unknown sources. A split:



2 Share of revenue | The graph shows the donations from unknown sources ●, donations from known sources ● and income from other known sources such as sale of assets, membership fees ● as a share of total revenue in FY21



3 National parties

In FY21, the Congress secured ₹178.8 crore as income from unknown sources, the highest among all national parties, followed by the BJP at around ₹100 crore. The BSP did not declare income from any source

in ₹crore

Political parties	Donations received from electoral bonds	Voluntary contributions (below ₹20,000)	By collection from sale of coupons	Miscellaneous income	Total
INC	10.1	10.8	156.9	1.0	178.8
BJP	22.4	78.0	0	0.1	100.5
CPM	0	82.4	4.4	10.5	97.3
AITC	42.0	0	0	0	42.0
NCP	0	0	8.2	0	8.2
BSP	0	0	0	0	0

4 Regional parties

Among those regional parties which had declared their income with the Election Commission of India, the YSR-Congress received ₹96.3 crore from unknown sources, the highest, followed by the DMK at the second position

in ₹crore

Political parties	Donations received from electoral bonds	Voluntary contributions (below ₹20,000)	By collection from sale of coupons	Miscellaneous income	Total
YSR-Congress	96.3	0	0	0	96.3
DMK	80.0	0	0	0	80.0
BJD	67.0	0	0	0	67.0
MNS	0	5.8	0	0	5.8
AAP	6.0	0	0	0	6.0
SAD	0	0	4.7	0	4.7

The ADR said that at least 27 regional political parties did not list their audit and contribution reports on the Election Commission of India's website, and so were not included in the analysis

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 2, 1972

Bill soon to check black money

New Delhi, Sept. 1: Government will bring in as early as possible comprehensive legislation based on the recommendations of the Wanchoo Committee to check the menace of black money which had been "playing havoc" with the social and economic life of the country, the Minister for Revenue and Expenditure Mr. K.R. Ganesh told the Rajya Sabha to-day. Intervening in a two-hour debate on the report raised by Mr. Bhupesh Gupta (CPI) the Minister said the recommendations were now being processed. The Committee had made 396 recommendations of which 213 required legislative action for implementation. Strongly denying the charge that the ruling party had a "vested interest" in perpetuating the institution of black money, Mr. Ganesh said this problem was the product of World War II which gave birth to a new class of contractors. During the era of planned economy after the Independence, anti-social elements resorted to the same practice and exploited every incident of human misery. Mr. Ganesh said the problem and magnitude of black money has vast ramifications. He said it should be a problem of national concern. "It cannot be solved by rule of thumb." Mr. Ganesh said the institution of black money was the progeny of the system of status quo which the present government wanted to change. He said before legislative measures were taken, the government would endeavour to plug the loopholes to avoid tax evasion.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPT. 2, 1922

Indian Air Force

London, Sept. 1: The "Times" gives prominence to the correspondence demanding improvement in equipment of Air Force in India. The newspaper in the course of a long leading article comes to the conclusion that the Force has never been given a fair chance. The Air Ministry has failed to supply it with suitable equipment while the Indian Military authorities have prevented it from making full use of such material and other facilities it possessed. The "Times" says it is a case for searching impartial enquiry; admits that there is no question that charges brought forward by the dead and living against those in authority must be met without delay. The Royal Air Force in India must be equipped with proper machines and everything else it needs for service in the field. Economy that costs the lives of the country's defenders is an economy gone mad.

FROM PAGE ONE

GST revenues cross ₹1.4 lakh crore mark again

The gross GST revenue collected in August includes ₹24,710 crore of Central GST, ₹30,951 crore collected as State GST, and Integrated GST of ₹77,782 crore, which comprises ₹42,067 crore collected on import of goods. GST Compensation Cess collections were ₹10,168 crore.

"While absolute GST collections displayed a mild sequential dip in August, the impressive 28% year-on-year growth reflects the revival in consumption, improved compliance as well as elevated inflation," said Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India chief economist Aditi Nayar.

While overall domestic GST revenues rose 19%, there were wide variations in collections across States, with 13 States seeing a higher growth in revenues, three States reporting a flat or negative growth, and 14 States, including the erstwhile State of Jammu & Kashmir, seeing a slower uptick than 19%.

August GST revenues grew 19% in Tamil Nadu, 21% in Haryana and Delhi, 22% in Andhra Pradesh, 24% in Maharashtra, 25% in West Bengal, 26% in Kerala, and 29% in Karnataka.

Mizoram and Goa reported the highest growth in revenues at 78% and 32%, respectively.

Teesta custody: SC questions Gujarat

The Supreme Court on Wednesday said it was "actually struck" by the fact that Ms. Setalvad was detained by the Gujarat Police on June 24 and kept in custody for over two months on the basis of a complaint which merely "recites" the adverse remarks made by the court against her.

"What actually struck us is that your complaint does not recite anything more than what the Supreme Court said... The judgment is out on June 24. The complaint is filed on June 25, within just a day... Obviously the author of this complaint was not privy to anything more than what the Supreme Court said..." CJI Lalit observed orally.

Chief Justice Lalit, speaking for the Bench of Justices S. Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia, challenged the State to produce on record at least one case in which the bail application filed by a woman was listed, after issuing notice to the State, for hearing again after six whole weeks.

The Gujarat High Court, which issued notice to the State on Ms. Setalvad's bail plea on August 3, chose to list the case on September 19. Bail jurisdiction normally requires the court to hear and decide pleas as quickly as possible as the personal liberty of a person is at stake.

Chief Justice Lalit asked Mr. Mehta whether this was the "standard practice in the Gujarat High Court".

The court asked the State whether it had collected any additional material during the custodial interrogation of the activist in the past two months. "As things stand today, the FIR is nothing but what has happened in the Supreme Court... in the last two months, have you filed a chargesheet or is the investigation still on," Chief Justice Lalit asked.

The court reminded the State about Section 167 of the Code which provides a 60- to 90-day deadline for completion of investigation after which the accused was entitled to bail.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal and advocate Aparna Bhat, for Ms. Setalvad, said the FIR did not reveal what document she had supposedly forged. There was no *prima facie* case against her in the FIR, they said.

The court scheduled the case for September 2.

UPA delegation meets Jharkhand Governor

The Opposition BJP had lodged a complaint with the Governor in February against Mr. Soren and the Governor had sought opinion from the Election Commission (EC) on the issue. On August 25, the EC reportedly sent its opinion to the Governor in a sealed envelope. The BJP leaders, later, triggered a row by saying that the EC had recommended disqualification of Mr. Soren as MLA.

On Thursday, the UPA delegation submitted a memorandum to the Governor complaining that "leaks" from his [the Governor] office, regarding an envelope from the EC over disqualification of Mr. Soren, "has been causing commotion". They urged the Governor to clear the air on the issue.

After meeting the Governor, working State president of Congress Bandhu Tirkey told mediapersons: "The Chief Minister is not resigning. The Governor is seeking legal opinion and has assured us that the situation will be made clear within two days."

IMF to extend $2.9 billion to Sri Lanka

"IMF staff and the Sri Lankan authorities have reached a staff-level agreement to support Sri Lanka's economic policies with a 48-month arrangement under the Extended Fund Facility [EFF] of about $2.9 billion," a visiting IMF team said on Thursday.

The announcement comes even as Sri Lanka endures an agonising economic downturn that has left scores of families starving.

President Ranil Wickremesinghe termed the agreement "an important step in the history of Sri Lanka".

The objectives of the new programme – Sri Lanka's 17th with the Fund – are "to restore macroeconomic stability and debt sustainability, while safeguarding financial stability, protecting the vulnerable, and stepping up structural reforms to address corruption vulnerabilities and unlock Sri Lanka's growth potential," the IMF said. However, the international financial institution has laid out expectations that Sri Lanka must meet, before the IMF management and Executive Board can approve the programme.

"Prior actions" on Sri Lanka's part include raising fiscal revenue through a "more progressive" income tax regime, rebuilding foreign reserves, and increasing social spending. Significantly, Sri Lanka, which opted for a pre-emptive sovereign default on its $51 billion foreign debt in April, must work to obtain debt relief from its creditors and additional financing from multilateral partners," the Fund said in its statement.

Modi, Xi weigh meeting as chill remains in ties

MEA backs German envoy's comments on Beijing's 'outrageous' claims on Arunachal Pradesh, in its latest message to China

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India and China are weighing a first meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping in almost three years, even as a chill remains in relations with an as-yet-unresolved border crisis and increasingly sharp recent exchanges.

While this meeting could come as early as mid-September, with both leaders currently expected at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Uzbekistan, the G20 meet in mid-November in Indonesia, where both have confirmed their attendance, offers another possibility.

A meeting does, however, come with risks for New Delhi, which has viewed warily China's recent attempts to portray ties as "normal" despite the situation at the Line of Actual Control (LAC), a perception that a high-level meet may reinforce. New Delhi reluctantly hosted Foreign Minister Wang Yi in March as he visited the region, but conveyed a strong message that India would not accept China's demand to keep the border "in an appropriate place" and restore relations.

India has since kept up that messaging in public. On Thursday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) backed the German Ambassador to India's comments calling China's claims on Arunachal Pradesh "outrageous" and its transgressions at the LAC a "violation of international law". Responding to German envoy Phillip Ackerman's comments, which had generated anger in Beijing, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said the international community has a "proper

Narendra Modi with Xi Jinping during the BRICS Summit in Brazil in 2019.

appreciation" of India's stand on boundary issues.

On August 29, Mr. Jaishankar, in a speech in New Delhi on August 29, repeated for the third time in recent weeks India's stand that normalcy in ties was predicated on normalcy on the border. China's military, for its part, last week cited those same agreements which India has accused China of violating, to oppose upcoming India-U.S. high-altitude military exercises, calling them "meddling". Past meetings between Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi have been seen by both sides as helping calm border tensions – a brief conversation in July 2017 on the sidelines of a summit was seen as breaking the deadlock that led to the resolution of the stand-off in Doklam the following month. In recent months, however, the Chinese military has continued with a hardline stance on slow-moving LAC talks and refused to restore the status quo, a stand which, given Mr. Xi's apparently tight control over the People's Liberation Army (PLA), appears to be following his direction.

This will give New Delhi some pause for thought, even if both leaders appear likely to cross paths in Samarkand. According to an Uzbekistan Foreign Ministry official overseeing logistics, all preparations have been made for the summit and "heads of all eight member countries" are expected.

The MEA said earlier that Mr. Modi's visit to Samarkand for the SCO summit would be announced at the "appropriate time", although a formal statement on Mr. Jaishankar's visit to Tashkent in July for the SCO Foreign Ministers' meeting said they had "discussed the preparations for the forthcoming SCO Summit of Heads of State scheduled to be held in Samarkand on 15-16 September". A factor in India's possible attendance is India taking over as the Chair of the SCO.

The Wall Street Journal reported on August 19 that Mr. Xi's office "has also begun preparing bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the summit with the leaders of Pakistan, India and Turkey". However, the Chinese Defence Minister being the lone absentee at the recent SCO Defence Ministers' meet has raised doubts on whether Mr. Xi will travel, with Beijing on Wednesday announcing the party congress on October 16.

The last meeting between Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi, in Brazil in November 2019, reflected a period in the relationship that most in New Delhi now believe there is no returning to. Taking place a month after Mr. Xi's visit to Chennai for the second "informal" summit, Mr. Xi told Mr. Modi his "successful meeting" with him "went very well" and he was "willing to maintain close communication" to "jointly steer the direction of China-India relations" and "increase political mutual trust". Mr. Modi said their meetings in Wuhan and Chennai "strengthened trust and friendship".

Five-year-old dies outside Jabalpur PHC

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A five-year-old boy allegedly died outside a primary health centre (PHC) in Madhya Pradesh's Jabalpur due to a delay in his treatment.

While the family of the boy, Rishi Pandre, claimed that there were no doctors outside the hospital to attend to the boy who was in a critical state, the district administration said that he was already dead by the time he was taken there.

A video showing visuals of Rishi's wailing mother with the boy in her arms had been shared on social media. Sharing it on Twitter, former Chief Minister Kamal Nath tweeted: "These pictures are exposing the claims of good governance, golden State and development of the Shivraj government."

SC seeks info on attacks on Christians

Bench clarifies it has not formed any opinion on the veracity of the allegations

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The Supreme Court on Thursday directed the Union Home Ministry to obtain from eight States information about the registration of FIRs, status of investigation, arrests and chargesheets filed in incidents petitioners allege to be attacks targeting the Christian community and institutions.

The States are Bihar, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

These States have to verify the action taken by their law enforcement agencies on the incidents of "criminal wrongdoings" which happened in 2021, as alleged in the petitions filed by Rev. Dr. Peter Machado of National Solidarity Forum, Rev. Vijayesh Lal of Evangelical Fellowship of India and others.

The States have to submit their verification reports to the Ministry, which would in turn file an affidavit in the Supreme Court.

A Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud said the verification exercise was necessary for the court to determine whether the directions issued by the apex court in a host of judgments, notably in the Tehseen Poonawalla case, were being followed by the States. These judgments had made the State machinery accountable for preventing or taking immediate criminal action against perpetrators of communal violence, including lynchings.

Preliminary affidavit

A preliminary affidavit filed in the court by the Centre had earlier dismissed the allegations in the petitions, saying they were based on "falsehood" and "selective self-serving documents".

Even family feuds and private land disputes are being shown as communal targeting, the Ministry had countered.

"Majority of the incidents alleged as Christian persecution in these reports were either false or wrongfully projected. In some cases, incidents of purely criminal nature and arising out of personal issues, have been categorised as violence targeting Christians," the government affidavit had maintained.

The MHA had said several incidents were "not necessarily related to incidents on violence targeting Christians".

The affidavit contended that "preliminary factual check and inputs received" reveal that even action taken by local administrations against illegal constructions were projected as instances of religious targeting of places.

The MHA had objected to reports that the police were negligent or biased or complicit with vigilante groups, leading to an atmosphere of intolerance.

Mr. Gonsalves, for the petitioners, had submitted that there were around 505 attacks on the religious community in the past several months alone.

IN BRIEF

Commercial LPG price cut by ₹91 per refill

NEW DELHI

The price of commercial LPG used in hotels and restaurants on Thursday was slashed by ₹91.5 per cylinder on softening international prices. The price of a 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder was cut to ₹1,885 per cylinder in the national capital.

2 JeM militants killed in north Kashmir operation

SRINAGAR

Two Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) militants, planning to carry out attacks in north Kashmir, were killed in an anti-militancy operation of the security forces in Baramulla's Sopore on Thursday, the Jammu & Kashmir police said. They have been identified as Mohammad Rafi Lone and Kaiser Ashraf Dar.

Bangladesh Prime Minister to visit India next week: MEA

She will hold talks with Modi, offer prayers at Ajmer Sharif

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh will pay an official visit to India next week, the Ministry of External Affairs announced on Thursday.

During her stay, Ms. Hasina will offer prayers at Ajmer Sharif and award Mujib Scholarships, an initiative of the Government of Bangladesh for the descendants of 200 Indian armed forces personnel who were martyred or suffered critical injuries during the Liberation War of 1971, Dhaka has announced. "In recent years, both sides have sustained high level of engagement including at the highest level between our two countries.

Sheikh Hasina

The forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will further strengthen the multifaceted relationship between our two countries based on strong historical and cultural ties, mutual trust and understanding," said Arindam Bagchi, Spokesperson, Ministry of External Affairs.

Ms. Hasina will be accompanied by a number of Ministers, advisers, and secretaries, as well as a delegation of business houses of Bangladesh, announced a press release from Dhaka.

Ahead of the visit, both sides held the Ministers-level meeting of the Joint River Commission here on August 25, which highlighted the urgency to resolve bilateral riparian issues and the upcoming renewal of the Ganga Waters Treaty.

Ms. Hasina will be hosted by President Droupadi Murmu and Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, and will hold a round of delegation-level talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Hyderabad House.

Vostok-2022 begins in Russia with India, China participating

U.S. criticises India's attendance in the joint military exercise

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NEW DELHI

An Indian Army contingent comprising troops from 7/8 Gorkha Rifles is participating in the multilateral strategic and command exercise 'Vostok-2022' which commenced on Friday at the training grounds of the eastern military district in Russia. The exercise also includes participation by the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

"The exercise is aimed at interaction and coordination amongst other participating military contingents and observers," the Army said in a statement. The exercise is scheduled to be held from Sept. 01 to 07.

The Indian Army contingent, over the next seven days, will undertake joint manoeuvres to include field training exercises, combat discussions, and firepower exercises, it said.

Russia has stated that Vostok-2022 will be conducted in two phases. Participating contingents include observers from the Collective Security Treaty Organisation, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and other partner states including Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, China, Laos, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Syria and Tajikistan, said Russian Deputy Defence Minister Colonel General Alexander for foreign military attachés in a briefing in Moscow.

India also defended its participation in the exercises in response to U.S. criticism. "India has been regularly participating in multilateral exercises in Russia, along with a number of other countries," said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, stressing that the Vostok exercises were routine, and added that they would only include Army contingents.

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi was responding to comments by the U.S. White House Press Secretary who said that "the U.S. has concerns about any country exercising with Russia while Russia wages an unprovoked brutal war against Ukraine."

Seven States cold to Centre's crime portal

Cri-MAC was launched to share info on significant crimes across the country

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At least seven States and one Union Territory have given the cold shoulder to the Centre's online platform meant to share information and coordinate action among law enforcement agencies on serious criminal incidents, including human trafficking, data show.

The Crime Multi Agency Centre (Cri-MAC) was launched in 2020 by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to share information on crime and criminals 24x7 with various law enforcement agencies and ensure a seamless flow of information among them. The application run by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) aims to help in early detection and prevention of crime incidents across the country.

West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Sikkim and Union Territory of Dadra, Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu have not uploaded a single alert on Cri-MAC since the portal was launched in March 2020.

Delhi, Assam and Haryana uploaded the maximum number of alerts on the portal, which included information on the release of a hardened criminal from jail or an incident of terror, murder, dacoity among others.

As on July 1, the number of alerts uploaded on the portal stood at 35,145 though there are 16,361 police stations in the country.

The MHA held a meeting with State nodal officers on August 17 on steps to curb human trafficking.

Inter-State coordination

The Home Ministry said "Cri-MAC facilitates dissemination of information about significant crimes, including human trafficking across the country on real-time basis and enables inter-State coordination. This can, *inter-alia*, help in locating and identifying the trafficked victims as also in prevention, detection and investigation of crime." In a presentation to States, the MHA said the "Government of India recognises that human trafficking is a grave crime" and attaches high importance to the efforts directed at preventing and countering it.

It said human trafficking was a highly organised crime often involving inter-State gangs.

The MHA cautioned that human trafficking cases are not registered under Sections 370/370A of the IPC by some authorities and requested to make optimal use of the penal Sections.

It urged States to sensitise and train police personnel to keep a close watch on suspicious activities and persons.

Kavita Krishnan removed from CPI(ML) membership

'Move over some basic differences'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

CPI(ML) Liberation's Polit Bureau member and a Central Committee member for more than two decades, Kavita Krishnan has been relieved from the posts and responsibilities in the party over some basic differences regarding socialist regimes. The CPI(ML) Liberation leadership decided to remove Ms. Krishnan from the primary membership of the party.

Commenting on the Ukraine-Russia conflict, she had tweeted recently that socialist regimes were autocratic regimes far worse than parliamentary democracies.

Ms. Krishnan said she felt a need to recognise the urgency and prime importance of defending parliamentary democracies with all their flaws, not just in India but in the world. Ms. Krishnan said there was a need to recognise that socialist regimes were and had been terrible totalitarianisms, far worse than existing capitalist democracies with all their flaws. She said she needed to pursue certain troubling political questions and it was not possible while being a CPI(ML) leader.

'Transparency' debate continues in Congress

After Manish Tewari, Karti Chidambaram raises queries on electoral rolls; Manickam Tagore posts booth members' list online

SANDEEP PHUKAN
NEW DELHI

A day after senior Congress leader Manish Tewari demanded transparency in the party's presidential election, his Lok Sabha colleague Manickam Tagore on Thursday posted the names of people who elected him as delegate on Twitter.

The debate had started on Wednesday after *The Hindu* quoted the Central Election Authority (CEA) chief Madhusudan Mistry saying that no one should doubt the fairness of the election and if anyone wants to check the list of 9,000 delegates who will elect the next Congress president, "they should do so by visiting the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) office".

"In my booth no 64 we have @INCIndia membership of 29 members through the digital membership. Among the 29 members, two were elected in consensus: booth president Thiru. Karendurai, booth delegate myself," Mr. Tagore tweeted.

In another tweet, he put out the list of his colleagues who were elected as delegates from different blocks and booths. "Let's celebrate our strength @INCTamilNadu," he added.

Though the Congress had made it clear that it will not make the list of delegates public, Mr. Tagore's move to post the list of Madurai South District Congress Committee was seen as a response to his Lok Sabha colleagues, Mr. Tewari and Karti P. Chidabaram, who had said the electoral roll should be transparent and publicly available on the party's website.

"With great respect @MD_Mistry ji How can there be a fair & free election without a publicly available electoral roll? Essence of a fair & free process is names & addresses of electors must be published on @INCIndia website in a transparent manner," Mr. Tewari had tweeted on Wednesday, tagging *The Hindu* report.

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> MANISH TEWARI, LOK SABHA MEMBER

Mr. Tewari, who is a member of the ginger group called G-23 that has been pushing for internal reforms in the Congress for the past two years, questioned why should anyone visit the PCC offices to find out "who the electors are", and said that such things did not happen even in "a club election".

"In interests of fairness & transparency I urge your gods self to publish entire list of electors on @INCIndia website. How can someone consider running if he/she does not know who electors are. If someone has to file his/her nomination & gets it proposed by 10 Congresspersons as is requirement, CEA can reject it saying they are not valid electors," he added.

Lok Sabha member Karti P. Chidambaram tweeted, "Every election needs a well defined & clear electoral college. The process of forming the electoral college must also be clear, well defined & transparent. An ad hoc electoral college is no electoral college."

Backing his colleagues, Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor, one of the possible contenders in the presidential race, said, "Certainly, I think it's important that everybody should have transparency on the electoral rolls. If that's what Manish has asked for, then I'm sure that it's a principle that everybody would agree."

The issue of electoral rolls not being made public was raised by another G-23 leader, Anand Sharma, at the Congress Working Committee last Sunday when the final schedule was approved with a show of hands.

Meeting with Azad

On Tuesday, key G-23 leaders like Mr. Sharma, Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Prithviraj Chavan had met in Delhi to strategise about the upcoming presidential election and later called on former Congress stalwart, Ghulam Nabi Azad, who quit the party last Friday.

"The Congress president has agreed to our demand of holding elections. Despite that Azad sahib decided to quit the party, but he had never discussed his resignation with us. We only asked him as to what happened that he had to take such a decision even after the demands were accepted," Mr. Hooda clarified on Thursday.

Mr. Hooda was interacting with mediapersons during his visit to New Delhi in connection with the Congress' September 4 "Halla Bol" rally over rising inflation.

To a query on the meeting, Mr. Hooda said Mr. Azad had been with him in the Congress for decades and he wanted to ascertain the reasons for him quitting the party without prior consultation.

(With inputs from Ashok Kumar in Gurugram)

Don't take back money from farmers: Congress

'Govt. should stop issuing notices'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Centre should stop issuing notices to farmers, deemed ineligible under the PM-KISAN scheme, to demand the recovery of the money disbursed to them under the flagship scheme, the Congress said on Thursday.

The party said that while the government was "waiving lakhs of crores" worth of loans of its industrialist friends, it is taking back money from "poor *annadatas*".

Addressing a press conference here, Congress spokesperson Akhilesh Pratap Singh said that by declaring the farmers ineligible under the Kisan Samman Nidhi, the Union Government had started the process of taking back the money.

"Instead of Kisan Samman Nidhi, this move of the Central government has become 'Kisan Apman Nidhi'. The government, which is waiving lakhs of crores of loans of its industrialist friends, is taking back the money given to the poor '*annadaatas*' of the country...," Mr. Singh said.

He alleged that before the 2019 polls, the Modi government started the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) and "hastily" took bank account numbers of farmers so that money reached them before the polls. "Now the government is saying that those who are not eligible for this and have received the amount under PM-KISAN should return the money. The government is also sending notices to farmers for taking back the money. The process of recovery by declaring about two crore farmers ineligible across the country should be immediately stopped," Mr. Singh said.

National-level quiz for school students gets good response

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The fifth edition of the Discovery School Super League, a national-level quiz, powered by BYJU's, has attracted participation from over four lakh students from 1,200 schools, according to a press release issued here on Thursday.

The aptitude-based contest is being held in three rounds and students will get a chance to represent their respective States and compete for the final three positions. School-level and district-level rounds are being held following which a final round will take place.

The final round in Mumbai will be telecast on the Discovery Network channels. The release said the quiz garnered a huge response in Tamil Nadu.

NASA trip

According to the release, the top three teams will get a chance to go on an all-expenses paid trip to NASA with their school principals. The toppers from each school will also be invited to exclusively experience the nearest Byju's Tuition Centres, where they will be provided with a free workshop based on advanced concepts of maths and science. Sr. Regina Mary, headmistress, Our Lady's Higher Secondary School, Thiruvottiyur, was quoted in the release as saying the students were enthusiastic and prepared for all aspects of the quiz beyond the confines of textbooks.

Shah to visit Seemanchal in Bihar

First visit to State after JD(U) parted ways with the BJP

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will visit Bihar, more specifically the Muslim-majority Seemanchal area of the State, his first such visit after the Janata Dal(U) parted ways with the BJP to ally with the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) to form a government.

Senior sources in the BJP have confirmed that Mr. Shah will visit Bihar on September 23 and 24 and address two rallies, one in Purnea and another in Kishanganj, both in the Seemanchal area.

Amit Shah

"Amit Shahji will be in Patna first for a meeting of the core group of the BJP. There will be a review of the programme of senior leaders of the party who are to visit 200 Assembly segments in the State. After that, there will be two public rallies, one in Purnea and another in Kishanganj," the source said.

These are areas where the Muslim population ranges between 35% and 70%. The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) did well there in the 2019 election, largely on the back of communal polarisation. The NDA had won three out of the four seats in the area. Even the seat won by the JD(U) was by a BJP member who fought on JD(U) ticket as the two parties were in an alliance.

"To go to Seemanchal is also *saankaitik* (symbolic)," added the source alluding to the fact that in the *Mahagatbandhan*, the banding together of the JD(U), the RJD and others presented a formidable caste arithmetic which had to be countered by Hindutva consolidation across caste lines.

This plan comes as Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has signalled that he is ready to stake claim to national leadership of the Opposition parties.

Court denies bail to former Bihar Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PATNA

A local court in Patna on Thursday rejected the bail plea of former Bihar Minister Kartikeya Singh in a kidnapping case. Mr. Singh had resigned from Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's Cabinet late on Wednesday.

A day before, on Tuesday, Mr. Singh's portfolio was changed by Mr. Kumar from Law Minister to Sugar cane Minister. Mr. Singh had taken oath as a Cabinet Minister on August 16.

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NOTICE INVITING BID

Bids for Item **(1) 3 Channel ECG Machine (2) Hight Flow Nasal Cannula System** are invited from interested bidders up to **27.09.2022, 06:00 PM.** Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in of the state and http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in
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Important Dates

1.	Commencement of Online Registration and Choice Filling	September 05, 2022 (Monday) From 10:00 AM
2.	Last Date and time for online registration (Registration Form Filling, Registration Fee Payment and Choice filling)	September 25, 2022 (Sunday) till 05:00 PM

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(Two Cover System) (Through e-procurement Portal Only)

Tenders are invited through GoK e-procurement platform **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from the contractors/agencies who are reputed individuals/ company and having past experience for the following works at RTPS.

1.KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12854, Date: 29.08.2022 for "Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection, Commissioning and Testing of 8T EOT Crane at Mill area of Units - 1& 2", EMD: **Rs. 62,000/-**,

2.KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12855, Date: 29.08.2022 for "Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection, Commissioning and Testing of Dust Suppression System With High Pressure Mist at MRHS Silo of Units - 1& 2", EMD: **Rs. 16,800/-**.

Last date for queries/clarification: **10.09.2022,16:00Hrs.** Last date for submission of completed tender bids: **13.09.2022,16:00Hrs.** Opening of Technical Bid: **15.09.2022,16:30Hrs.** Opening of Price Bid: **17.09.2022, 16:30Hrs.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Superintending Engineer(MM-1), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur District.** Mobile No.: **82775 02820.**

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Notice Inviting Bid

Bids for work of **"Work of Construction of Source, PLJ of rising main pipelines, internal village distribution pipeline, Reservoir and FHTC including one year Defect Liability period Village Hansa Desh Panchayat Samiti Lohawat under JJM in the jurisdiction of PHED District Division Phalodi AND Work of Construction of Source, PLJ of rising main pipelines, internal village distribution pipeline, Reservoir and FHTC including one year Defect Liability period Village Moolraj Panchayat Samiti Lohawat under JJM in the jurisdiction of PHED District Division Phalodi** are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 pm (time) 22.09.2022 (date). Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and PHED department website.

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CORRIGENDUM- 1ST - NIT No. 06/2022-23

The dates for uploading bids for following works in NIT no. 06/2022-23 is hereby extended till 13.09.2022, upto 06:00 PM due to unavoidable circumstances.

S. No.	Name of Work
1	Rehabilitation and Renovation of Arthuna Distributary RD 20 Km to tail and its distribution system (CMBA22-23/Package-XI)
2	Rehabilitation and Renovation of Parsoliya Distributary and its distribution system (CMBA-22-23/Package-XII)

Updated particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in & departmental website, www.water rajasthan.gov.in/wrd,
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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
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Irrigation Circle, Hill Colony, Nalgonda District

Tender is invited by Irrigation Circle, Hill Colony Nalgonda District vide Notice No: 20/SE/ICHC/ 2022-23 Dated: 27.08.2022 for work "Design Fabrication, supply, erection, testing, commissioning of vertical lift service gate of size 7.970 m x 4.120 m, 2 No's and dismantling, Re erection of existing rope drum hoist for chute sluice service gates of Nagarjuna Sagar Dam, Nalgonda District for an ECV Rs.1,22,79,946/- is available from 01.09.2022 to 08.09.2022 at 3.00 PM and last date for receipt of bid is 08.09.2022 at 5.00 PM for further details see in e-procurement website.

Sd/- K. Dharma, 30-08-2022
DIPR R.C.No.6258-PP/CL/ADE1/2022-23 Dt. 31.08.2022 Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Hill Colony

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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The last date for submission of tender by online is 23.09.2022 up to 17.00 hrs.

(Dr. G. SRIRAMULU)
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30th August 2022
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CORRIGENDUM

Partial modification to the Vacancy Notice No. A.12012/DEPU/1/2022-Estt. dated 20.04.2022 in the Essential Experience for the post of Deputy Director (Administration) & Deputy Director (Finance) has been made. For details kindly visit NBEMS website https://natboard.edu.in

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IN BRIEF

Moosewala case: SC seeks details on Bishnoi

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday sought the details of the FIRs registered against gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, arrested in connection with the murder of popular Punjabi singer and Congress leader Sidhu Moosewala.

A Bench directed the Punjab Police to submit a chart giving details of the number of FIRs lodged against Bishnoi. The court was hearing a plea filed by Bishnoi's father against the transit remand ordered by a Delhi court for the production of his son in the murder case. It posted the matter for further hearing on September 13. PTI

Amit Shah launches CAPF e-Awas portal

NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched a portal on Thursday for allotment of residential quarters to Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) personnel. Mr. Shah said the portal 'CAPF e-Awas' will end the "caste system" prevalent in allotment of residential quarters to the jawans as it will bring transparency and accountability. He said it is the responsibility of the government to care for the families of jawans who protect the nation's borders.

Eknath, Raj Thackeray meet ahead of BMC poll

PUNE

Following a string of meetings between Maharashtra Navnirman Sena chief Raj Thackeray and top BJP leaders, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Thursday called on Mr. Thackeray amid rumours of a possible alliance between the ruling Shiv Sena (Shinde faction)-BJP and the MNS ahead of crucial civic polls in the State. With the BMC poll expected to be held in October, the newly formed government is going all out to wrest control of the cash-rich civic body from Uddhav's Sena faction.

UGC proposes clustering of colleges

It finalises norms for transforming universities into multidisciplinary bodies, a key NEP suggestion

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has finalised guidelines for transforming colleges and universities into multidisciplinary institutions and has prescribed three different approaches which include "clustering" of establishments located in proximity to each other.

The UGC will make public its "Guidelines for transforming higher educational institutions into multidisciplinary institutions" on Friday. These aim to help State governments and universities frame appropriate rules and policies. Promoting multidisciplinary institutions was a key recommendation of the National Education Policy, 2020.

The UGC has suggested academic collaboration between institutions through "clusters" of higher education institutions (HEIs) in order to promote multidisciplinary education and research in online and offline modes.

The cluster system will help single-stream institutions with poor enrolment due to lack of employment-oriented, innovative multidisciplinary courses and lack of financial resources and help such centres improve their grades in National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accreditation, say the guidelines. They will have to design their timetable in consultation with partner institutions so that students can register for courses offered by them without facing scheduling clashes.

The member colleges in a cluster will continue to function as affiliated colleges under the university in the initial phase during which they will share their resources to offer programmes and guide student research projects. After the initial years, the affiliating university may affiliate the cluster of colleges as a single unit during which they will pass through graded autonomy before developing into an autonomous degree-granting cluster of college. These can then later evolve into research or teaching universities.

They aim to help State governments and universities frame rules and policies.

The UGC has also prescribed two other approaches for existing colleges and universities to become multidisciplinary. These include merger of single-stream institutions with other multidisciplinary institutions under the same management or different managements, as well as expanding the number of departments in a college or university by adding new subjects such as languages, literature, music, Indology, sports, etc.

Students opting for courses offered as a result of collaborations and mergers can also avail credit mobility between partnering institutions as the National e-Governance Division of the Ministry of Electronic and Information Technology has developed the ABC platform which allows students to open an academic account and add HEIs of interest and store credits earned from them for receiving degrees and diplomas.

The guidelines also identify student orientation programmes as an important element to familiarise them with the new options available to them.

The UGC also suggests capacity-building for faculty so that they can teach, train and research in multidisciplinary academic programmes such as through initiatives like Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching as well as investment in learning assessment tools. It has also harped on setting up Education Departments in universities and colleges that will teach curriculum design, pedagogy, communication and writing to future teachers.

Expert panel gives green clearance for PMO project

It lays down conditions for the nod

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI

The government's Executive Enclave project, which includes construction of a new Prime Minister's Office (PMO), on Thursday received environmental clearance from the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Delhi (SEIAA-Delhi).

In a letter to the Central Public Works Department, the SEIAA said it had on Wednesday approved the recommendation of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), which had recommended grant of environmental clearance to the project on Monday.

The SEIAA laid down conditions for the clearance, including the use of an anti-smog gun and other environment-friendly dust control measures and compensatory plantation of 10 times as many trees as would be cut.

In its recommendation on Monday, the SEAC had observed that the tree survey was not incorporated into the design and planning phase of the project.

The SEAC, in its meeting on Monday, approved the proposal for the second time, after approving it on April 9. The SEAC had sent the proposal to the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), which referred it back to the SEAC on April 19 for a relook vis-a-vis the implementation of the Delhi government's Tree Transplantation Policy, 2020.

The project would include removal of 487 of 807 trees on the site near South Block. The new PMO would be spread over 13,822 sqm.

Indian-made HPV vaccine this year

One shot will be priced at ₹200-400

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

India's first indigenously developed vaccine to prevent cervical cancer, CERVAVAC, will likely cost ₹200-400 a shot and be commercially available later this year, Adar Poonawalla, CEO, Serum Institute of India (SII), said on the sidelines of a launch event here on Thursday.

CERVAVAC, developed by SII, was approved by the Drug Controller General of India in July. The event also underlined the role of the Indian government, particularly the Department of Biotechnology, in facilitating trials and investments in the vaccine candidate.

CERVAVAC is a quadrivalent vaccine, meaning it is effective against at least four variants of cancer-causing Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), and resulted from a partnership of DBT's Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that supported Serum's development efforts.

Annually, about 1.25 lakh women are diagnosed with cervical cancer, and over 75,000 die from the disease in India. Close to 83% of invasive cervical cancers in India and and 70% of cases worldwide are attributed to HPV-types 16 or 18. HPV transmission is influenced by sexual activity and age. Almost 75% of all sexually active adults are likely to be infected with at least one HPV type. A vast majority of the infections resolve itself.

Remove State laws regulating temples: plea

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday, hearing a plea to strike down State laws regulating and administering temples and gurdwaras, wondered whether such freedom, considering the wealth generated, will turn them into "centres of power" operating outside checks and balances.

A Bench was hearing a petition by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay for a declaration that Hindus, Buddhists, Jains and Sikhs have rights to "establish, manage and maintain their religious places like Muslims, Parsis and Christians". It said States had no right to "abridge" this right. It said such State laws violated the rights to equality, religious freedom, etc.

Parties slam West Bengal CM over her 'praise' for RSS

BJP says the organisation does not need her certificate

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KOLKATA

Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee's assertions on Wednesday that all in the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) were "not bad" and that there are many who "do not support BJP" kicked up a political storm.

While the AIMIM, the Congress and the CPI(M) on Thursday attacked her for what they saw as opportunism on Ms. Banerjee's part, the BJP said it did not need certificates from her.

The West Bengal Chief Minister had in a passing remark at State secretariat function said, "The RSS was not that bad. There are still people in the RSS who do not support the politics BJP does". AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, on Thursday said that "in 2003 too, she had called the RSS 'patriots', (and) in turn the RSS had called her Durga".

Mamata Banerjee at a rally to thank UNESCO for according the Intangible Cultural Heritage tag to Durga Puja. • PTI

The RSS, instead of commenting on her left-handed praise, pointed to West Bengal's record of political violence and asked for corrective measures.

"She has said there are some good people in RSS. We would like to tell her that there can be political differences, but does that mean killing opponents," RSS State general secretary Jishnu Basu said.

SpiceJet flight returns due to 'autopilot' snag

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

A SpiceJet plane, carrying 89 passengers, that took off for Nashik from Delhi on Thursday returned midway due to an "autopilot" snag. The Boeing 737 plane landed safely and later the passengers were flown to Nashik in another aircraft.

In a statement, SpiceJet said its Delhi-Nashik flight returned to Delhi after the flight crew experienced a malfunction with the autopilot system.

The aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will probe the incident. This is the latest in a series of incidents involving planes of SpiceJet, which was ordered by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on July 27 to operate only 50% of its flights for eight weeks.

Twitter starts testing 'edit tweet' feature

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Twitter users may soon see some tweets with 'last edited' label as the company began testing the 'edit tweet' feature – the most requested feature till now, internally. Twitter will also soon expand the test base for the feature to the subscribers of its paid monthly subscription Twitter Blue.

"It's true: edit tweet is being tested by our team internally," the company said in a blog post.

The edit feature will allows users to make changes to their tweet after it has been published. "Think of it as a short period of time to do things like fix typos, add missed tags, and more," Twitter explained.

For the testing, users will be able to edit tweets a few times within 30 minutes following their publication.

The edited tweets will appear with an icon, time stamp, and label so it is clear to readers that the original tweet has been modified. Tapping the label will take viewers to the tweet's edit history, which includes past versions of the tweet.

State liable to pay aid for liquor deaths: HC

Court was hearing plea by kin of men who died after drinking spurious liquor

ISHITA MISHRA
NEW DELHI

The State has complete control over liquor sale and is hence liable to pay compensation to the kin of those who lost their lives or vision after alcohol poisoning, the Allahabad High Court has said.

The court was on Wednesday hearing a petition filed by the families of those who died after consuming spurious liquor in Azamgarh in 2021.

Jai Prakash Mishra, counsel for the petitioners, told the court that all the consumers had bought liquor from licensed retail vend country liquor shops, which sold it as branded liquor. The police chargesheet said the licensed vendors and certain other persons were involved in the manufacture and sale of spurious liquor.

"Thus *prima facie*, the State government, having complete control and regulation to manufacture and sale of liquor under the U.P. Excise Act, 1910 and Rules framed thereunder; is also liable to pay specified amount to the sufferer or successors of the deceased," it said. The court asked the State to pay the compensation under provisions of the Mukhya Mantri Kisan Evam Sarvhit Bima Yojna, which provides for compensation on account of death or permanent disability due to poison, etc.

11 petitioners

Among the 11 petitioners in the case, nine are the widows of the men who died after drinking the brew and one is the son of a victim. The last petitioner lost his vision after consuming alochol.

The court observed that from the records of the writ petition, it appeared that most of the petitioners were unlettered and belonged to the weaker sections of society.

Rani Sonkar, wife of deceased Pappu Soknak, told *The Hindu* that she was struggling to earn after the death of her husband. She has three children, all under five years of age.

"Though my husband had brought the liquor from a government licensed shop, I was denied of any compensation for my loss," she said.

Tech innovations for accessibility awarded

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri on Thursday gave away awards to the winners of the Smart Solutions Challenge and Inclusive Cities Awards, 2022.

The Belagavi Smart City's system for those with disabilities to access education and healthcare was awarded the top prize in the category of implemented solutions.

The awards were an initiative of the National Institute of Urban Affairs and the United Nations in India for addressing the city-level challenges of accessibility and the inclusion for persons with disabilities, women, girls and senior citizens, a statement said.

"I am thoroughly impressed at the creative capacity of the innovative solutions as well as their potential to change lives of persons with disabilities, women and older persons," Mr. Puri said.

The challenge, which was launched in April, received over 100 entries, of which the top 10 were identified as winners, the statement said.

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(set by Arden)

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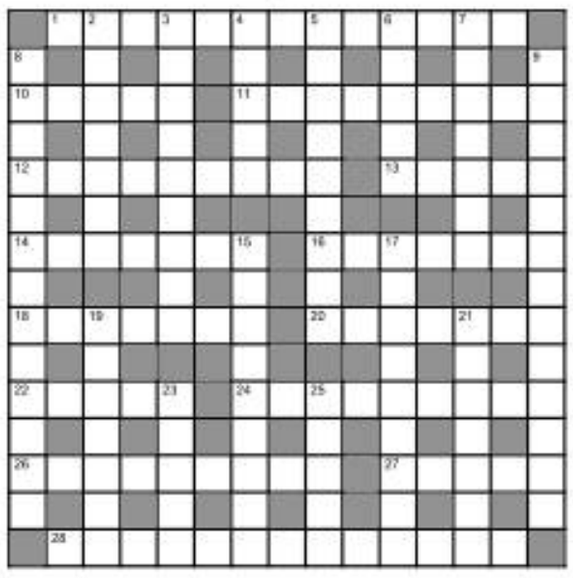

Across

1 Iron man Morley played many a role (7,6)
10 Damn stories regularly appear on primitive accommodation (5)
11 Priest in Lincoln follows entire musical notation (4,5)
12 Awfully nice to drink litre of wine – but no give (9)
13 Non-aligned, solitary figure (5)
14 I passed around two extreme points (7)
16 It's charged to enter fancy club, new entrant comes in with pride (4,3)
18 Shout of caution to player on possible danger (2,5)
20 Gaze over during watch, water maybe getting in (7)
22 Red paint unsuitable (5)
24 Strange way to feed Richard a vegetable (9)
26 Take turns as a flyer comes in late (9)
27 Gone out, taking time to advance (3,2)
28 Understand how to shoot (3,3,7)

Down

2 In the film she gets electric shock (7)
3 Self admission for disparaging comment on a subject (9)
4 Oral direction on means to raise some dough (5)
5 Spies have clue perhaps on things we can't see with a naked eye (9)
6 'Christmas' got the first Booker prize (5)
7 Dealt with cocaine on the main (7)
8 Maintain clear model, get a Puerto Rican (5-8)
9 Faulty earthing – disconnect within, it's disappointing (13)
15 Guard wagons as one dismissed for a duck (9)
17 Command on watch (9)
19 One gets the right, old lady's on support (7)
21 He gets through and through a peak on wings (7)
23 Pastry with no filling on card (5)
25 Bags in pick up, I returned (5)

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Solution to puzzle 13649

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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4	9	2	8	1	6	5	7	3
8	2	4	9	5	1	7	3	6
1	6	3	7	2	8	9	5	4
9	5	7	4	6	3	1	8	2

FAITH

Puzzling episodes detailed

Vyasa, who is aware of the past, present and future, while narrating the Devi Bhagavata Purana to Janamejaya, clarifies many perplexing issues in Krishna avatar to him. Some of the explanations for the baffling happenings are traced to other purana stories which deal with the trajectories of the past lives of the characters, pointed out Sri K. Srinivasan in a discourse.

For instance, Janamejaya wants to know why the six children born before Balarama and Krishna to Devaki were killed by Kamsa. It is said Vasudeva handed over the first child as soon as it was born to Kamsa; but that Kamsa was moved by pity, and, at the spur of the moment, he remembered the asariri voice that warned him of the threat to his life by the eighth child of Devaki. So he decided to spare this child. But then Narada told him that it was not a wise move. Enemies like fire, if not eliminated completely, can begin to haunt one just as even a single latent live spark in the ashes can grow unobtrusively to cause destruction. Moreover, none can gauge the ways of the celestials and from his angle all the eight are to be considered as his enemies.

The point here is that the six children, like the seven children in the Santanu episode, are under a curse to die as soon as they are born. In this case, they have to get release from the curse and Narada acts as the catalyst. Originally these six infants were the sons of Marichi who had inadvertently incurred Brahma's curse and took birth as the sons of Kalanemi. In another birth as sons of Hiranyakasipu, they won his displeasure and were subject to his curse by which they were to be born to Devaki and Vasudeva only to be killed by their previous father Kalanemi who was born as Kamsa.

UN accuses China of Uighur rights abuses

China denounces the HRC report as a 'patchwork of false information cooked up' by Western nations

ASSOCIATED PRESS
GENEVA

The UN accused China of serious human rights violations that may amount to "crimes against humanity" in a report examining a crackdown on Uighurs and other ethnic groups. Beijing on Thursday denounced the assessment as a fabrication cooked up by Western nations.

Human rights groups have accused China of sweeping a million or more people from the minority groups into detention camps, where many have said they were tortured, sexually assaulted, and forced to abandon their language and religion. The camps were just one part of what the rights organisations have called a ruthless campaign against extremism in the far western province of Xinjiang that also included draconian birth control policies and restrictions on people's movement.

Call for probe: The entrance of the Urumqi No. 3 detention centre in Dabancheng in Xinjiang, in this file picture. • AP

The assessment from the Geneva-based UN Human Rights Council (HRC) largely corroborated earlier reporting by researchers, advocacy groups and the news media, and it added the weight of the world body to the conclusions.

Still, among Uighurs who have fled overseas, there was a palpable sense of relief that the report had finally seen the light of day.

"The report is pretty damning, and a strong indictment on China's crimes against humanity," said Rayhan Asat, a Uighur lawyer, whose brother is imprisoned in Xinjiang. "For years, the Chinese government has said the Uighurs are terrorists. Now, we can point to them and say, you're the terrorists."

Report welcomed

Human rights groups, Japan and Germany quickly welcomed the report.

The assessment concluded that China has committed serious human rights violations under its anti-terrorism and anti-extremism policies and calls for "urgent attention" from the UN, the world community and China itself to address them.

Human rights groups renewed calls for the UN rights body, which meets next month, to set up an independent body to investigate the allegations. But China showed no sign of backing off its denials.

"The assessment is a patchwork of false information that serves as political tools for the U.S. and other Western countries to strategically use Xinjiang to contain China," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said. "It again shows that the UN Human Rights Office has been reduced to an enforcer and accomplice of the U.S. and other Western nations."

In a sign of China's fury, it issued a 122-page rebuttal, entitled "Fight against Terrorism and Extremism in Xinjiang: Truth and Facts," that was posted by the UN along with the report.

Rishi Sunak, Liz Truss make final pitches to Tory voters

Conservative Party members can vote until 5 p.m. today

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

As the window closes for Conservative Party members to vote for their new leader and the country's Prime Minister, the candidates, former Chancellor Rishi Sunak and Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, made their final pitches to voting members at a packed Wembley Arena in London on Wednesday.

Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss at the leadership hustings in London. • GETTY IMAGES

While 42-year-old Mr. Sunak received loud applause and cheers from the London audience, the 47-year-old Ms. Truss is leading overall across the country, according to polls from earlier this month. She is also the favourite as per bookmakers' odds. Party members have until 5 p.m. local time to vote on Friday – and have the option of changing previously cast votes.

Mr. Sunak's flagship policy is to immediately tackle inflation, and on Friday he claimed inflation, which is over 10% now, would decrease faster under his plan than under any of the alternatives. He has opposed more borrowing to cut taxes, saying the idea is not "conservative", and investors should not lose confidence in the U.K.

Ms. Truss promised she would not introduce new taxes, would simplify the tax code and reverse the Johnson administration's national insurance hike and place a moratorium on 'green levies' on energy bills. Ms. Truss also said she would focus on the supply side of energy (including suggesting the use of more nuclear power, fracking in areas that support it, more oil and gas from the North Sea).

Quizzed on foreign policy on Wednesday, including about the U.K.-U.S. relationship, Ms. Truss declined to say whether former U.S. President Donald Trump was a "friend or foe". Last week, she had said that the "jury's out" on whether Emmanuel Macron, President of France, one of the U.K.'s closest partners, was a friend or foe. "That's not commenting, as far as I can say," she said on Wednesday, defending her remark about Mr. Macron.

'Closest ally'

However, Ms. Truss said the U.S. was the U.K.'s "closest ally" and that she had met both Mr. Trump and U.S. President Joe Biden.

"Now he's [Mr. Biden] in office and my priority is working to promote freedom and democracy around the world and to work with our American allies against what are some very severe threats we're facing, including an assertive China, a belligerent Russia..." she said, adding that whoever the leader of the U.S. or France was she could work with them.

Ms. Truss had been sceptical about the 'special relationship' with the U.S. according to a report published on August 29 in *The Financial Times*.

Speaking to reporters during a virtual briefing on Wednesday, the White House National Security Council strategic communications coordinator, John Kirby, said the bilateral relationship with the U.K. would remain special and that the U.S. looks forward to working with whoever the next Prime Minister is.

On Chinese President Xi Jinping, Ms. Truss said she would not use the word "foe" but said that she is "concerned about China's assertiveness" and was working with allies in the G7 (group of seven advanced economies) to avoid becoming strategically dependent on China. In the context of a question on Israel's safety, Ms. Truss said the top priority was to stop Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

Mr. Sunak's segment did not involve an extensive discussion on foreign policy. In the context of migration, he referred to his plan to make trade, visas, and financial assistance to countries contingent on them taking back asylum seekers to the U.K., whose claims had failed. He also said he would get the agreement with Rwanda, to take asylum seekers, on track. In June, the European Court of Human Rights intervened to stop the first deportation flight to Rwanda from leaving the U.K.

No state funeral for Mikhail Gorbachev

Putin pays tribute to former Soviet leader, but will stay away from his interment

REUTERS
MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin is to miss the funeral of the last Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, denying the man who failed to prevent the collapse of the Soviet empire the full state honours granted to Boris Yeltsin.

Gorbachev, idolised in the West for allowing eastern Europe to escape Soviet communist control but unloved at home for the chaos that his "perestroika" reforms unleashed, will be buried on Saturday after a public ceremony in Moscow's Hall of Columns.

Mikhail Gorbachev

The grand hall, within sight of the Kremlin, hosted the funerals of Vladimir Lenin, Josef Stalin and Leonid Brezhnev. Gorbachev will be given a military guard of honour – but his funeral will not be a state one.

State television on Thursday showed Mr. Putin paying tributes by placing red roses beside Gorbachev's coffin – left open as is the tradition – in Moscow's Central Clinical Hospital, where he died on Tuesday aged 91.

Mr. Putin made a sign of the cross in Russian Orthodox fashion before briefly touching the edge of the coffin. "Unfortunately, the president's work schedule will not allow him to do this on Sept. 3, so he decided to do it today," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

He said Gorbachev's ceremony would have "elements" of a state funeral, and that the state was helping to organise it.

Nevertheless, it will be a marked contrast to the funeral of Yeltsin, who was instrumental in sidelining Gorbachev as the Soviet Union fell apart and hand-picked Putin, a career KGB intelligence officer, as the man most suited to succeed him.

When Yeltsin died in 2007, Mr. Putin declared a national day of mourning and, alongside world leaders, attended a grand state funeral in Moscow's Cathedral of Christ the Saviour.

Poland seeks German war reparations

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WARSAW

Poland estimated its Second World War losses caused by Germany at $1.32 trillion, the leader of the country's ruling nationalists said on Thursday. Jaroslaw Kaczynski said Warsaw would officially demand reparations.

Poland's biggest trade partner and a fellow member of the EU, Germany has previously said all financial claims linked to the war have been settled. Poland's new estimate tops the $850 billion estimate by a ruling party lawmaker from 2019.

Taiwan shoots down drone over outpost

ASSOCIATED PRESS
TAIPEI

Taiwan's military said it shot down a drone hovering over one of its island outposts just off the Chinese coast on Thursday amid a spike in tensions with Beijing.

The Kinmen Defence Command said the drone entered restricted airspace over Shiyu island.

Flares and warning shots were fired but the drone maintained its position and was shot down, it said in a statement.

It described the drone as being for "civilian use", but did not specify if it had been recovered or what weapon was used to bring it down. On Wednesday, Taiwan said it warned off drones hovering over three of the islands it occupies off the coast of the Chinese port city of Xiamen.

Tensions between both sides have been high since China fired missiles into the Taiwan Strait and mobilised ships and warplanes following U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Taiwan visit last month.

UN inspectors arrive at Ukraine nuclear plant amid shelling

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KYIV

A UN inspection team arrived at Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant on Thursday on a mission to safeguard it from catastrophe, reaching the site amid heavy shelling that prompted the shutdown of one reactor and underscored the urgency and danger of the task.

The 14-member team from the International Atomic Energy Agency reached Europe's biggest nuclear plant in a convoy of SUVs and vans, after months of negotiations to get inside the complex and take steps to prevent a disaster on the continent. The inspectors were led by IAEA director Rafael Grossi.

Energoatom, Ukraine's state nuclear power company, said Russian mortar shelling had led to the shutdown of one of its reactors by its emergency protection system and had damaged a backup power supply line used for in-house needs.

"There has been increased military activity, including this morning until very recently," Mr. Grossi said during the journey.

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1.	**'Selection of Senior Bioengineering Expert for World Bank Funded Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project (HPSRTP)'.**	**September 05, 2022**	**September 30, 2022**

REoI & ToR will be available on the official web site of HPRIDC under link http://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html .
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1.	Procurement of Direct Labour Operations Advisory Services under Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project (HPSRTP)	September 01, 2022 (Request for Expression of Interest Proposal document)	October 01, 2022 at 1500 hours (IST)

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1.	**Consultancy Services for Procurement of Bioengineering Solutions Manual for the State of Himachal Pradesh under Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project (HPSRTP)**	**September 02, 2022**	**September 27, 2022**

REoI & ToR will be available on the official web site of HPRIDC under link http://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html .
Note: - Any further addendum/Corrigendum to this Request for Expression of Interest (REoI) proposals documents shall be available to all interesting firms on the same web site link. Proposal must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by post) by **September 27, 2022 at 15:00 hours (IST)**
Director (Projects)-cum-CE, HPSRTP, HPRIDCL, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002
HP / 0427/2022-2023

HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI
NOTICE
Quotations are invited from recruitment agencies for conducting the entire process of recruitment for the post of Personal Assistant of this Court.
Details of work to be performed by the Agency, is available on the Official website of the High Court of Jharkhand, Ranchi i.e. **www.jharkhandhighcourt.nic.in**, under the heading - "Tender".
Closing Date: 15.09.2022
Dated: 31.08.2022 **Sd/- Registrar General**

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala)
Corporate Identification Number (CIN): U40108PB2010SGC033813 | Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 9646123323)
Tender Inquiry No. PPR -23/2022 **Dated: 30.08.2022**
Chief Engineer/PP&R Organization, Shed No.D-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender under three part bid system for banking of power from interstate utilities/traders, Traders having valid Inter State Trading Licence issued by CERC for interstate trading of energy, State Electricity Boards, State Electricity Utilities, States from **1st November-2022 to 30th September 2023.** For detailed NIT & tender specifications please refer to http://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 30.08.2022 onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at http://eproc.punjab.gov.in
C-336/22 **76155/12/1083/2021/16743**

Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Jaipur
Gandhi Block, Swasthya Bhawan, Tilak Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur-302005
Ph. No.0141-2223887, Fax : 0141-2228065 E-mail: edepmmsc-rj@nic.in
CIN: U24232RJ2011SGC035067 Web.: www.rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in
No.: F-08/RMSC/EPM/M-1/2022-23/NIB/1157 Date: 29.08.2022
NOTICE INVITING BID
Bids for Item Indigenous Digital Audiometer (Pure-Tone Audiometer) are invited from interested bidders up to 22.09.2022 ; 06:00 p.m. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in.
UBN-MSC2223GLRC00057
Raj.Samwad/C/6974/2022-2023 **Executive Director (EPM) RMSCL, Jaipur**

दि फर्टिलाइज़र्स एण्ड केमिकल्स ट्रावनकोर लिमिटेड
THE FERTILISERS AND CHEMICALS TRAVANCORE LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise) Regd. Office: Eloor
FACT MARKETING DIVISION, UDYOGAMANDAL- 683501, KOCHI, KERALA
साइक्लोहेक्सेन की बिक्री सूचना/SALE NOTICE OF CYCLOHEXANE
We are pleased to offer CYCLOHEXANE for sale in open market.
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sd/-
Date: 01.09.2022

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division, Bhashyam Park, South Central Street, Bengaluru.
No.EE(GNR)/E-Proc/009/2022-23 Date:01.09.2022
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Through e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System) (KW-4)
The Executive Engineer, Gandhinagara Division invites the tenders from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approx. value of work (Rs. In Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Improvements to Drain and Footpath in MD Block and surrounding area in Ward No. 95 Subhashnagar (Call-2).	100.00	1,00,000/-
2	Improvements to Drain and Footpath in Neelagiri Papanna Block and surrounding area in Ward No. 95, Subhashnagar (Call-2).	100.00	1,00,000/-

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GOK e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Last date for receipt of tenders : **12.09.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs. 3)** Opening of Tenders: **14.09.2022 at 12.30 Hrs.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division.
STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19. NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

E-mail :- aceaconeii@yahoo.com/acejaipur2.pwd-rj
Additional Chief Engineer P.W.D. Zone-II, Jaipur
PWD Campus, Jacob Road, Jaipur
Phone :- 0141-2226537 Ex.:- 299
File No. 1115 **Date- 23/08/22**
NIB NO-16/2022-23
Bids for 4 No. Works (2 Road works and 2 Building works) are invited from interested bidders upto 6-00 PM on 15-09-2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 1419.97 lacs.
UBN:
(1) PWD2223WSOB06460
(2) PWD2223WSOB06502
(3) PWD2223WSOB06480
(4) PWD2223WSOB06501
Addl. Chief Engineer PWD Zone-II, Jaipur
DIPR/C/11097

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता सा.नि.वि. खण्ड डूंगरपुर राज.
क्रमांक: टी.एस./निविदा फाईल/2022-23/डी-2655-64 दिनांक: 29.08.2022
निविदा सूचना संख्या: 10/2022-23
NIB Code: PWD2223A1768
राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से भवन निर्माण कार्य मय पांच वर्ष की गारंटी अवधि के लिए उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/ केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/ केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग /डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग /रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से कार्यों हेतु ई-टेन्डरिंग के माध्यम से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 1 कार्य जिसकी लागत राशि रु. 217.10 लाख है, प्राप्त की जावेगी। निविदा से संबंधित विवरण वेब साईट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in व http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in व http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। कार्यवार यू.बी.एन. संख्या निम्नानुसार है:-

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(जे.के. जैन),
अधिशासी अभियन्ता
सा.नि.वि. खण्ड डूंगरपुर
DIPR/C/11311/2022

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग वृत डूंगरपुर
क्रमांक :टी.एस./ निविदा फाईल/2022-23/डी- दिनांक :
निविदा सूचना संख्या - 02/2022-23
NIB Code :- PWD2223A1736
राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से विभिन्न सड़क व पुल निर्माण कार्यों मय पांच वर्ष की मरम्मत एवं संधारण की अवधि हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/ केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/ केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/ डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/ रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से कार्यों हेतु ई-टेन्डरिंग के माध्यम से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 3 कार्यों जिनकी कुल लागत राशि रु. 695.42 लाख है, प्राप्त की जावेगी। निविदा से संबंधित विवरण वेबसाईट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in व http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in व http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। कार्यवार यू.बी.एन. संख्या निम्नानुसार है :-
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सा.नि.वि. वृत डूंगरपुर
DIPR/C/11180/22

MARKET WATCH

	01-09-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	58,767	-1.29
US Dollar	79.56	-0.05
Gold	50,723	-1.44
Brent oil	91.62	-

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	837.80	-4.35
Apollo Hosp	4277.15	-45.75
Asian Paints	3446.55	54.95
Axis Bank	744.15	-7.35
Bajaj Auto	4076.30	-8.55
Bajaj Finserv	17406.40	444.25
Bajaj Finance	7181.30	-124.95
Bharti Airtel	735.05	8.45
BPCL	331.35	2.70
Britannia Ind	3718.15	-29.60
Cipla	1023.00	-15.45
Coal India	230.30	-4.50
Divis Lab	3599.20	-27.85
Dr Reddys Lab	4202.10	-42.95
Eicher Motors	3411.60	52.85
Grasim Ind	1685.00	6.35
HCL Tech	926.05	-12.90
HDFC	2404.20	-42.20
HDFC Bank	1472.15	-13.95
HDFC Life	575.60	0.40
Hero MotoCorp	2876.65	38.95
Hindalco	421.95	-17.05
Hind Unilever	2606.00	-53.85
ICICI Bank	874.35	-12.95
Indusind Bank	1111.40	3.95
Infosys	1464.20	-28.75
ITC	317.60	-2.90
JSW Steel	661.60	-5.30
Kotak Bank	1902.85	-12.60
L&T	1912.95	-9.55
M&M	1312.05	3.35
Maruti Suzuki	9024.50	-57.75
Nestle India Ltd.	19732.95	-192.90
NTPC	160.70	-3.30
ONGC	134.70	-3.90
PowerGrid Corp	226.10	-3.50
Reliance Ind	2560.40	-77.55
SBI Life	1296.55	-32.55
State Bank	533.30	2.05
Shree Cement	21586.15	-486.95
Sun Pharma	871.85	-21.20
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	838.40	28.75
Tata Motors	466.90	-4.20
Tata Steel	106.40	-1.90
TCS	3131.70	-79.45
Tech Mahindra	1052.90	-23.20
Titan	2622.00	17.35
UltraTech Cement	6632.50	-45.35
UPL	756.45	-12.80
Wipro	410.45	-3.10

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 01

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.36	79.68
Euro	79.48	79.80
British Pound	91.80	92.17
Japanese Yen (100)	56.96	57.19
Chinese Yuan	11.50	11.55
Swiss Franc	81.09	81.43
Singapore Dollar	56.70	56.94
Canadian Dollar	60.25	60.49
Malaysian Ringitt	17.70	17.79
Australian Dollar	54.10	54.32

Source:Indian Bank

August auto wholesales witness growth ahead of festival season

Maruti Suzuki's sales rise 30%, Tata Motors' climb 68% as chip crunch eases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Automobile makers such as Maruti Suzuki, Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra and Kia saw strong growth in vehicle dispatches to dealers in August, ahead of the festival season, as better semiconductor availability helped boost production.

Maruti Suzuki posted a 30% rise in wholesales in August to 1,34,166 units. "The shortage of electronic components had a minor impact on the production of vehicles, mainly in domestic models," said Shashank Srivastava, senior ED, (Marketing & Sales). In the three months to August, "the cumulative sales figure is 9,92,000 which is the highest-ever, three-month cumulative figure for the industry. So, the demand continues to be strong" and supply also improved, he added. MSIL currently has an order backlog of 3.77 lakh units, he said.

Festive cheer: Maruti Suzuki posted a 30% rise in dispatches to dealers in August to 1,34,166 units. • REUTERS

Hyundai Motor India said wholesales grew 6% to 49,510 units.

Tata Motors' domestic passenger vehicle (PV) sales climbed 68% to 47,166 units last month, while Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) reported an 87% jump in domestic PV sales to 29,852 units.

Veejay Nakra, president, Automotive Division, M&M, said, "[In] August... we registered the highest-ever SUV volume." M&M sold 26,285 commercial vehicles compared with 11,432 units a year earlier.

TVS Motor Co. saw 33% growth in domestic two-wheeler sales to 2,39,325 units in August. "With positive market sentiment and the upcoming festive season, the company is optimistic about the demand," the company said in a statement.

PMI flags fastest manufacturing output growth since November

Easing inflation fears lift sentiment to 6-year high: S&P Global

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Manufacturers reported the fastest rise in output and new orders in August since November, aided by strengthening demand and a spike in export orders, as per the survey-based S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI).

The seasonally adjusted index eased to 56.2 in August, from July's 56.4, signalling the second-strongest improvement in operating conditions for producers since November.

Input cost inflation, a major worry for producers due to high global commodity prices, softened to the weakest rate in a year as prices of

aluminium and steel cooled, but firms continued to pass on higher freight, labour and material prices to clients at a rate that was little-changed from July.

While August marked the fourth successive monthly slowdown in input cost inflation, factory gate charges rose at the second-weakest pace since April.

With inflation concerns fading a bit, business sentiment strengthened further, raising the degree of optimism among manufacturers to its highest in six years. "Predictions of stronger sales, new enquiries and marketing efforts all boosted confidence in August," S&P Global said.

"Firms welcomed the weaker increase in input costs with an upward revision to output forecasts amid renewed hopes that contained price pressures will help boost demand," remarked Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

SBI cuts FY23 growth forecast to 6.8% as Q1 data disappoints

Goldman, Moody's also reduce estimates for fiscal year

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA/REUTERS
MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

State Bank of India (SBI), Moody's Investors Service and Goldman Sachs have revised downward their annual growth forecasts.

While SBI revised its GDP growth estimate to 6.8% from 7.5%, citing 'the way below GDP numbers for the first quarter,' Moody's forecast 7.7% growth, against 8.8%. It cited rising interest rates, uneven monsoon and slowing global growth.

The National Statistical Office on Wednesday released the Q1 GDP numbers which showed growth of 13.5%, pulled down by a poor show of the manufacturing sector, which logged a paltry 4.8% expansion in the first three months of FY23.

Morgan Stanley sees 40 bps downside risk to growth estimate

Goldman Sachs lowered the current fiscal year estimates by 20 basis points from 7.2%.

"We are now revising our annual GDP growth for FY23 to 6.8%, mostly due to a statistical adjustments, but growth is likely to show an increasing momentum in the second half," SBI group chief economic adviser Soumya Kanti Ghosh said.

"Our expectation that real GDP growth will slow from 8.3% in 2021 to 7.7% in 2022 and decelerate further to 5.2% in 2023 assumes rising rates, uneven distribution of monsoon, and slowing global growth will dampen economic momentum sequentially," Moody's said.

"Despite the main drivers of domestic demand coming in line with our expectations, a large drawdown in inventories and statistical discrepancies came as a surprise," said Santanu Sengupta, India economist at Goldman Sachs.

Separately, Morgan Stanley's India economist Upasana Chachra said there was a 40 basis points downside risk to its FY23 growth estimate of 7.2%.

Export tax on diesel, ATF increased

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The government on Thursday raised the tax on the export of diesel and jet fuel (ATF) and hiked the windfall profit levy on domestically-produced crude oil in line with rising product margins and oil prices.

At the fourth fortnightly review, the government raised the windfall profit tax on the export of diesel to ₹13.5 per litre from ₹7 per litre. The tax on aviation turbine fuel (ATF) exports too has been increased to ₹9 from ₹2 per litre, according to a Finance Ministry notification. Alongside, the tax on domestically-produced crude oil, too, has been raised to ₹13,300 per tonne from ₹13,000.

India air traffic may grow at 7% till 2040: Boeing

'Air cargo too has significant potential'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India will be among the fastest-growing aviation markets with its air traffic projected to grow at 7% annually through 2040, said aerospace company Boeing.

Boeing's projection is over a 20-year period, and the near-term growth would be much higher in India, explained Boeing MD David Schulte at a press event.

Southeast Asia is expected to grow at 5.5%, while it is 5.4% for China and Africa, and 4.8% for Latin America.

India's domestic air traffic has come close to the 2019 level of 1 crore monthly travellers, and international traffic has surpassed pre-COVID levels with June seeing 18.46 lakh passengers.

Spurred by demand for medical supplies during the pandemic, air cargo in India too has 'tremendous' growth potential; its freighter fleet expected to grow exponentially in the decades ahead, according to Boeing.

Boeing India president Salil Gupte said the firm has always been looking at the possibility of higher raw material supplies from India.

'Jobless rate zooms to 1-year high of 8.3%'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

India's unemployment rate surged to a one-year high of 8.3% in August as employment sequentially fell by 2 million to 394.6 million, according to data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).

During July, the unemployment rate was at 6.8% and the employment was 397 million, the CMIE data showed. "The urban unemployment rate is usually higher at about 8% than the rural unemployment rate, which is usually around 7%. In August, urban unemployment... shot up to 9.6% and rural unemployment rate also increased to 7.7%," said CMIE MD Mahesh Vyas.

IN BRIEF

Amazon Pay Smart Stores eyes expansion

COIMBATORE

Amazon Pay Smart Stores plans to include more product categories and expand geographically. "We started with electronics and appliances and have got into apparel and fashion now," said Girish Krishnan, Director, Rewards and Merchant Services, Amazon Pay India. "We are also experimenting with grocery," he added.

TVS Motor, Indian Bank, ALL scale 52-week high

CHENNAI

TVS Motor, Ashok Leyland (ALL), Rane Holdings and Indian Bank scaled 52-week highs on the bourses on Thursday. TVS Motor closed the day at ₹1,015.05, a gain of ₹29.35, or 2.98%. ALL shares touched the ₹163.45 mark, ending at ₹162.80, a gain of ₹8.8, or 5.71%. Rane Holdings scrips touched ₹898.15, closing at ₹873.15, a gain of ₹22.10, or 2.6%. Indian Bank shares touched ₹197.70, settling at ₹193.60.

Greentech to operate Enel Green wind turbines

CHENNAI

Coimbatore-based Greentech said it had entered into a contract with Enel Green Power for operation and maintenance of wind turbines installed and commissioned by the latter in Gujarat. The contract is for a period of three years. The 150-MW capacity wind farm comprises 100 Suzlon S82-1,500 KW wind turbines. Greentech, founded in 2007, began operations with a fleet of less than one megawatt.

Sony-Zee merger can hurt competition: CCI

NEW DELHI

A merger between the Indian unit of Japan's Sony and Zee Entertainment to create a $10 billion TV enterprise will potentially hurt competition by having "unparalleled bargaining power", the Competition Commission of India found in an initial review, according to a notice seen by Reuters. The CCI's Aug. 3 notice to the two firms stated the watchdog was of the view that further probe was merited. REUTERS

Stake sale to Adani needs I-T nod: NDTV

REUTERS
MUMBAI

New Delhi Television Ltd. said a major stake sale by its founders to Adani group would require clearance from India's tax authorities, adding another hurdle to the conglomerate's bid to take control of the popular news network.

The Income Tax Department in 2017 provisionally barred the founders - Prannoy and Radhika Roy - from selling a part of their stake as part of a reassessment of their taxes, NDTV said in an exchange filing late on Wednesday. NDTV and Adani have locked horns in public after the conglomerate, run by Gautam Adani, last week unveiled plans to control a majority stake in the news network seen as bastion of independent media.

MM Forgings to invest ₹225 crore for EV foray

Firm acquires EV power train start-up

N. ANAND
CHENNAI

MM Forgings Ltd. will invest ₹225 crore over the next few years for foraying into electric vehicles (EVs), said Vidyashankar Krishnan, Vice-Chairman and MD.

"We are making a foray into EVs as part of our transformation strategy to become a leading player in this segment, which offers a huge opportunity," he said in an interview.

Vidyashankar Krishnan

As part of the plan, MMF announced the acquisition of 88% stake in the city-based EV power train start-up Abhinava Rizel Pvt. Ltd. for an undisclosed sum and also the setting up of Suvarchas Vidyut Pvt. Ltd., a subsidiary with an authorised share capital of ₹5 crore.

Stating that the market size of EV power trains in India would touch ₹1 lakh crore over the medium-term, he said that Abhinava Rizel already had eight patents with 10 more under filing for EV motor and power-train technologies covering two-three and four wheelers and commercial vehicles.

"We will invest ₹200 crore in the new plant that will come up in Oragadam to make traction motors for EVs and auxiliary motors for heavy vehicles," he said.

U.S.'s AI chip export ban may hit China tech units

Supply chain may be disrupted: Beijing

REUTERS
SHANGHAI

A U.S. order to ban exports of some advanced chips to China is likely to hit almost any major tech company running public clouds or advanced artificial intelligence (AI) training modules in the country, experts said.

Chip designer Nvidia Corp. said that U.S. officials told it to stop exporting two top computing chips for AI work to China.

Advanced Micro Devices also said it had received new licence requirements that will stop its advanced AI chip called MI250 from being exported to China.

Shu Jueting, a Chinese Commerce Ministry spokesperson, said that Beijing opposes the measures, saying they undermine the rights

of Chinese companies and threaten to disrupt global supply chains.

"We're going from blocking certain U.S. companies from supplying to a certain company, as was the case with Huawei, to banning certain U.S. products from selling to China period," said Jay Goldberg, CEO of D2D Advisory. Market watchers say the ban may hit a swathe of Chinese tech firms such as Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. and Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.

Petrol sales rebound in Aug., diesel lags

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Petrol sales in India rebounded in August but diesel continued to show a decline over the previous month as rains in several parts chipped away demand in some sectors, preliminary industry data showed.

Petrol sales, which had dipped 5% in July, increased 5.8% to 2.81 million tonnes in August.

Diesel, the most widely used fuel in the country, saw consumption drop 4.9% to 6.11 million tonnes from 6.42 million tonnes in July. Diesel demand had dipped 13.1% in July.

Cooking gas LPG sales were 5% higher year-on-year at 2.44 million tonnes in August, according to industry data.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No. KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12563/CALL-3 Date: 06.07.2022
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Suryakumar dazzles as dominant India makes it to Super 4

Circumspect Kohli comes good with an unbeaten half-century in Men in Blue's 40-run win over Hong Kong; Jadeja and Chahal deliver miserly spells

ASIA CUP

ASHWIN ACHAL
DUBAI

India finished its Asia Cup Group 'A' campaign with an easy 40-run win over Hong Kong at Dubai International Cricket Stadium here on Wednesday. With two wins in as many matches, India qualified for the Super 4.

India set Hong Kong a massive target of 193, which proved to be too high a mountain to climb. Hong Kong managed to bat out the full 20 overs, but failed to mount a serious challenge.

With the game in the bag, the crowd got a buzz when part-timer Virat Kohli came on to bowl in the 17th over. Speedsters Avesh Khan and Arshdeep Singh had horror outings, conceding 53 and 44 runs respectively in their four overs.

After being put in to bat, India overcame a slow start to post a good score. Suryakumar Yadav (68 n.o., 26b, 6x4, 6x6) turned on the jets when the run-rate needed a boost. Suryakumar went berserk in the last over, bowled by Haroon Arshad, smacking the pacer for four sixes.

Suryakumar's pyrotechnics helped India rack up 54 runs in the last three overs, which effectively put the total beyond Hong Kong's reach.

Cautious to a fault

K.L. Rahul (36, 39b, 2x6) and Kohli (59 n.o., 44b, 1x4, 3x6) were cautious to a fault. Rahul looked terribly out of sorts, failing to find get the ball off the square.

Kohli fared a little better, but he was by no means electric. Most surprisingly, Rahul and Kohli showed no attacking intent, preferring instead to poke around for singles. India ambled along to 44 for one at the end of the Power-Play, and 70 for one when drinks was called after 10 overs.

Rohit Sharma (21, 13b, 2x4, 1x6) was deceived by fast bowler Ayush Shukla, who took the pace off the ball to catch the batter playing much too early.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

K.L. Rahul c McKechnie b Ghazanfar 36 *(39b, 2x6)*, Rohit Sharma c Aizaz b Ayush 21 *(13b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Virat Kohli (not out) 59 *(44b, 1x4, 3x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav (not out) 68 *(26b, 6x4, 6x6)*; Extras (b-1, w-5, nb-2): 8; Total (for two wkts. in 20 overs): 192.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-38 (Rohit, 4.5 overs), 2-94 (Rahul, 12.6).

HONG KONG BOWLING

Arshad 3-0-53-0, Ayush 4-0-29-1, Ehsan 4-0-26-0, Aizaz 3-0-37-0, Yasim 4-0-27-0, Ghazanfar 2-0-19-1.

HONG KONG

Nizakat Khan run out 10 *(12b, 1x4)*, Yasim Murtaza c Avesh b Arshdeep 9 *(9b, 2x4)*, Babar Hayat c Avesh b Jadeja 41 *(35b, 3x4, 2x6)*, Kinchit Shah c sub (Bishnoi) b Bhuvneshwar 30 *(28b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Aizaz Khan b Avesh 14 *(13b, 2x4)*, Zeeshan Ali (not out) 26 *(17b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Scott McKechnie (not out) 16 *(8b, 2x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-1, w-3, nb-2): 6; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 152.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-12 (Yasim, 1.6), 2-51 (Nizakat, 5.6), 3-74 (Hayat, 11.1), 4-105 (Aizaz, 14.5), 5-116 (Kinchit, 17.1).

INDIA BOWLING

Bhuvneshwar 3-0-15-1, Arshdeep 4-0-44-1, Jadeja 4-0-15-1, Avesh 4-0-53-1, Chahal 4-0-18-0, Kohli 1-0-6-0.

Toss: Hong Kong.
MoM: Suryakumar.
India won by 40 runs.

TODAY'S MATCH
GROUP A
Hong Kong vs. **Pakistan**
Sharjah, 7:30 p.m. IST

Scattering it around: Suryakumar's pyrotechnics powered India to a formidable total. • AP

Suryakumar and Rahul: picture in contrast

Former reaps the reward for a bold approach while the latter cuts a sorry figure

ASHWIN ACHAL
DUBAI

It was just another day at the office for Suryakumar Yadav. His unbeaten 26-ball 68 against Hong Kong in the Asia Cup here on Wednesday reflected the attacking nature of Suryakumar's batting. This trait, crucially, comes naturally to him.

"I've been batting the same way for the last three or four years. I bat the same way in all situations," Suryakumar said in the post-match press conference.

Overcautious: Rahul's passive play resulted in a lacklustre opening period for India. • AFP

Second nature

If going all guns blazing is second nature for Suryakumar, the same cannot be said of K.L. Rahul. The Karnataka batter cut a sorry figure in his 36, which came at less than run-a-ball. Rahul hesitated to even attempt the big hits, chancing his arm on just three occasions. The rest of his 39-ball knock contained a disconcerting number of dot balls and jabs.

Rahul certainly did not follow the team management's mantra of playing attacking cricket. Having been dismissed for a duck in the previous match against Pakistan, Rahul was perhaps being cautious in a bid to regain form. This does not serve the team's cause.

It did not help that Rahul was batting alongside Virat Kohli, who was similarly circumspect. The duo sucked the momentum out of the Indian innings, putting on 56 runs in 49 balls for the second wicket. In T20 cricket, there is no place for two sheet anchors, much less in the top order.

Things looked up for India when Rahul's tortured stint came to an end in the 13th over. The arrival of Suryakumar injected life into proceedings. He made his intentions clear early, sweeping spinner Yasim Murtaza for fours off the first two deliveries he faced.

Heartwarming gesture

Suryakumar stated that he enjoyed batting with Kohli. "It was a heartwarming gesture [Kohli waiting for Suryakumar to lead him off the field]. I've never seen this before. I was wondering why Virat was not going forward. I told him that we will exit together. It was very enjoyable batting with him. Our plan was very clear. We knew exactly what to do," Suryakumar said.

The 31-year-old said that he was flexible to bat at any position. Asked if he was willing to open the batting with Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar said, "So you're saying that KL [Rahul] should not play (laughs)?... I am flexible to bat at any number. I've told the coach and captain to send me at any number, as long as you keep me in the eleven."

Sri Lanka pips Bangladesh, enters playoffs

Kusal and Shanaka star in successful chase after spinner Theekshana's good spell

ASHWIN ACHAL
DUBAI

Sri Lanka sneaked past Bangladesh by two wickets in their Group B match of the Asia Cup to seal a Super 4 spot at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium here on Thursday. The loss sent Bangladesh out of the tournament.

Chasing 184, Sri Lanka required 34 runs off the last three overs. Bangladesh pacer Ebadot Hossain, making his T20I debut, conceded 17 runs in the 19th over to let the advantage slip. Kusal Mendis (60, 37b, 4x6, 3x6) and Dasun Shanaka (45, 33b, 3x4, 2x6) kept the Lankan chase on track.

In his element: Kusal's aggressive knock set the tone for Sri Lanka's reply. • AFP

Handy knocks

After being put in to bat, Bangladesh rode on handy knocks from Mehidy Hasan (38, 26b, 2x4, 2x6), Afif Hossain (39, 22b, 4x4, 2x6) and Mosaddek Hossain (24 n.o., 9b, 4x4) to post 183 for seven.

Mosaddek came alive in the final over, bowled by Asitha Fernando, hitting the pacer for a six and two fours. The Bangladesh batters used any pace on offer to play the paddle scoop. The Sri Lankans erred by keeping fine-leg inside the circle and spraying it down the leg.

Spinner Maheesh Theekshana, brought into the attack in the second over, was the pick of the bowlers. Theekshana's spin and pace variations presented a puzzle, one which the Bangladesh batters struggled to solve. He cleaned up captain Shakib Al Hasan, who made room for an inside-out hit but missed the ball completely.

Fellow-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga picked up two wickets, but proved to be expensive. Fast bowler Fernando, making his T20I debut, went for 51 runs in his four overs.

Bangladesh was boosted by the presence of a sizeable contingent of its fans in the stadium.

The scores: Bangladesh 183/7 in 20 overs (Mehidy Hasan Miraz 38, Afif Hossain 39, Mahmudullah 27) lost to Sri Lanka 184/8 in 19.2 overs (Kusal Mendis 60, Dasun Shanaka 45, Ebadot Hossain 3/51); **Toss:** Sri Lanka; **MoM:** Kusal Mendis.

Carter, Mukesh shine on truncated first day

Incisive: Mukesh Kumar sent back three New Zealand-A batters. • K. MURALI KUMAR

NZ-A IN INDIA

SPORTS BUREAU

Joe Carter and inclement weather frustrated the India-A bowlers on the opening day of the first cricket 'Test' at Bengaluru's M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Thursday.

When the weather intervened and forced the players off the field shortly after tea, New Zealand-A, which chose to bat, was on 156 for five. Carter was batting on 73 (170b, 10x4). There was no further action, as 29 overs were lost in the day.

Pick of the bowlers

Carter had arrived at the wicket at the fall of the first wicket in the fifth over. Opener Chad Bowes was dismissed by Mukesh Kumar, the Bengal seamer who would prove the pick of the bowlers. Rachin Ravindra, the other opener, then fell to left-arm seamer Arzan Nagwaswalla.

When Yash Dayal, the Gujarat Titans' left-arm pacer, removed Mark Chapman, the visitors were reduced to 51 for three, but Carter and skipper Robert O'Donnell ensured there was no further hiccup till their team reached the 100-mark.

Mukesh, however, trapped O'Donnell to end the fourth-wicket stand, which was worth 49. Wicket-keeper Cam Fletcher also gave solid support to Carter.

The fifth-wicket partnership had also added 49 when Fletcher too fell lbw to Mukesh, whose fine effort yielded the impressive figures of three for 34 from 13 overs.

The scores:

New Zealand-A: Chad Bowes c Ruturaj b Mukesh 5, Rachin Ravindra c Patidar b Nagwaswalla 12, Joe Carter (batting) 73, Mark Chapman c Abhimanyu b Dayal 15, Robert O'Donnell lbw b Mukesh 24, Cam Fletcher lbw b Mukesh 13, Sean Solia (batting) 1; Extras (b-1, lb-1, nb-10, w-1): 13; Total (for five wkts. in 61 overs): 156.

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-28, 3-51, 4-100, 5-149.

India-A bowling: Mukesh 13-4-34-3, Dayal 13-2-35-1, Nagwaswalla 13-2-34-1, Kuldeep 19-3-44-0, Tilak 3-0-7-0.

The Serena show continues in New York

She aces the Kontaveit test with a gritty performance; Medvedev marches on

U.S. OPEN

REUTERS
NEW YORK

Serena Williams thrilled a raucous New York crowd after rolling back the years to defeat World No. 2 Anett Kontaveit in the second round of the U.S. Open on Wednesday, as the exodus of top seeds continued on the third day of the final Major of the year.

The 40-year-old Serena produced a sparkling performance to clinch a 7-6(4), 2-6, 6-2 victory over Kontaveit, ensuring her farewell tour continued into the third round after signalling her intention to retire in early August.

With none of the pre-match festivities that took place ahead of her first round match to distract her, Serena stepped on court with her game face on and delivered a performance that had a packed Arthur Ashe Stadium on its feet.

She claimed the first break to go 5-4 up but faltered while serving for the set. Kontaveit broke back to ensure a tie-break. The American won 7-4 with a thundering ace.

But the Estonian would not be intimidated by either Serena or a frothing crowd, grabbing two early breaks in the second set to jump 3-0 in front and easily take the set.

The third got off to a scrappy start with three breaks in the opening four games but two of those went to Serena. She got in front 4-1 and never let go.

In the men's draw, World No. 53 Jack Draper stunned sixth seed Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 while reigning champion Daniil Medvedev marched into the third round with a 6-2, 7-5, 6-3 win over France's Arthur Rinderknech.

Former World No. 1 Andy Murray reached the third round of a Grand Slam for only the second time in five years. He beat American wildcard Emilio Nava 5-7, 6-3, 6-1, 6-0.

Women's world No. 1 Iga Swiatek eased past American Sloane Stephens 6-3, 6-2 on Thursday.

Gazelle: Serena outsprinted and outlasted second seed Kontaveit in a three-setter. • AP

> **I'm a pretty good player. This is what I do best – I love a challenge. I love rising to a challenge**
>
> **He's one of the reasons I'm here... one of the main reasons I'm still playing**
> SERENA on Tiger Woods, who was in attendance

TOP RESULTS

Tuesday: First round: Men: 2-Nadal (Esp) bt Hijikata (Aus) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3; 8-Hurkacz (Pol) bt Otte (Ger) 6-4, 6-2, 6-4; 17-Dimitrov (Bul) bt Johnson (USA) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; 11-Sinner (Ita) bt Altmaier (Ger) 5-7, 6-2, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; 15-Cilic (Cro) bt Marterer (Ger) 6-3, 6-2, 7-5; 3-Alcaraz (Esp) bt Baez (Arg) 7-5, 7-5, 2-0, retd.

Women: Putintseva (Kaz) bt 24-Anisimova (USA) 6-3, 6-3; Niemeier (Ger) bt Kenin (USA) 7-6(3), 6-4; 21-Kvitova (Cze) bt Andreeva 7-6(3), 6-0; 4-Badosa (Esp) bt Tsurenko (Ukr) 3-6, 7-6(4), 6-3; 13-Bencic (Sui) bt Petkovic (Ger) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; Cornet (Fra) bt 11-Raducanu (GBR) 6-3, 6-3; Burel (Fra) bt 25-Rybakina (Kaz) 6-4, 6-4; Van Uytvanck (Bel) bt Venus Williams (USA) 6-1, 7-6(5); 6-Sabalenka (Blr) bt Harrison (USA) 6-1, 6-3.

Wednesday: Men: Second round: 1-Medvedev (Rus) bt Rinderknech (Fra) 6-2, 7-5, 6-3; 23-Kyrgios (Aus) bt Bonzi (Fra) 7-6(3), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; 12-Carreno Busta (Esp) bt Bublik (Kaz) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6(5); Draper (GBR) bt 6-Auger-Aliassime (Can) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; Murray (GBR) bt Nava (USA) 5-7, 6-3, 6-1, 6-0; 13-Berrettini (Ita) bt Grenier (Fra) 2-6, 6-1, 7-6(4), 7-6(7); Moutet (Fra) bt 21-van de Zandschulp (Ned) 6-4, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4; 5-Ruud (Nor) bt Van Rijthoven (Ned) 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Women: 20-Keys (USA) bt Giorgi (Ita) 6-4, 5-7, 7-6(10-6); 12-Gauff (USA) bt Ruse (Rou) 6-2, 7-6(4); Andreescu (Can) bt 15-Haddad Maia (Bra) 6-2, 6-4; 17-Garcia (Fra) bt Kalinskaya 6-3, 6-1; 29-Riske-Amritraj (USA) bt Osorio (Col) 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (10-5); Xiyu (Chn) bt 3-Sakkari (Gre) 3-6, 7-5, 7-5; 5-Jabeur (Tun) bt Mandlik (USA) 7-5, 6-2; Samsonova bt 14-Fernandez (Can)6-3, 7-6(3); Krunic (Srb) bt 23-Krejcikova (Cze) 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; Serena Williams (USA) bt 2-Kontaveit (Est) 7-6(4), 2-6, 6-2.

Tenacious Nadal battles past debutant Hijikata

Raducanu dethroned; Osaka bows out

REUTERS
NEW YORK

Second seed Rafael Nadal overcame an early scare to down 21-year-old Australian wildcard Rinky Hijikata 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 in his first appearance at the U.S. Open after winning in 2019.

Playing in only his second match after pulling out of Wimbledon with an abdominal injury, the Spaniard had speculated whether he was ready to take on the New York challenge. He seemed to confirm those fears as he struggled in the first set.

Hijikata, on his Grand Slam debut, broke the Nadal with a crisp overhead shot in the seventh game and went on to win the set. However, the Spaniard improved in all aspects from the second set even as his opponent's form deteriorated.

Nadal, the four-time winner at Flushing Meadows, never faced a break in the third set and broke Hijikata to love in the fifth game of the final set before recovering from 0-40 in the eighth to hold serve.

Hijikata gave the crowd a final thrill as he saved four match points in the ninth before succumbing to Nadal's forehand winner.

"Long wait... for some time I thought that maybe I will not be able to be back," said Nadal in an on-court interview after the match. "The night sessions here in New York are the best without a doubt."

Meanwhile, Emma Raducanu's title defence ended in the first round while Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina and two-time U.S. Open winner Naomi Osaka were also ousted.

British teenager Raducanu made a dream run to the title as a qualifier last year, but her return to New York was less memorable as she fell 3-6, 3-6 to Frenchwoman Alize Cornet.

Rybakina was beaten 4-6, 4-6 by French qualifier Clara Burel while Osaka, unseeded this year, lost 6-7(5), 3-6 to Australian Open finalist Danielle Collins.

Shaking off the rust: Nadal struggled in the first set before getting his act together. • AP

LIVE TELECAST

BWF: Japan Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6.30 a.m.
Durand Cup: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3 & 6 p.m.
Asia Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Ultimate Kho Kho: Sony Ten 1, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.30 & 8.45 p.m.
US Open: Sony Ten 2, Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.30 p.m. onwards
Bundesliga: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12 a.m. (Saturday)
La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.30 a.m. (Saturday)

IN BRIEF

Jeswin Aldrin finishes fourth

LUCERNE

Young long jumper Jeswin Aldrin finished fourth with an 7.82m effort in the Spitzen Leichtathletik meet, a World Athletics Continental Tour (silver) event here on Tuesday. Switzerland's Simon Ehammer won gold while Jamaica's former World champion Tajay Gayle (7.98) and Greece's Olympic champion Miltiadis Tentoglou (7.94) took silver and bronze.

Australia seals ODI series against Zimbabwe

TOWNSVILLE

Mitchell Starc took three early wickets to help Australia restrict Zimbabwe to 96 runs and Steve Smith posted an unbeaten 47 as Australia won the second ODI by eight wickets on Wednesday and clinched the three-match series.

The scores: Zimbabwe 96 in 27.5 overs (Sean Williams 29, Mitchell Starc 3/24, Adam Zampa 3/21) lost to Australia 100/2 in 14.4 over (Steve Smith 47 n.o., Alex Carey 26 n.o.). **MoM:** Starc.

Australia won by eight wickets with 35.2 overs to spare to lead three-match series 2-0.

Chennaiyin routs TRAU for its first win

Kerala Blasters makes it to the quarterfinals; Jamshedpur signs off on a high

DURAND CUP

SPORTS BUREAU

Petar Sliskovic struck a brace as Chennaiyin FC (CFC) outplayed a 10-man TRAU 4-1 in a Group C match to earn its first win in the Durand Cup football tournament at the Khuman Lampak Stadium in Imphal on Thursday.

The towering Croatian forward Sliskovic scored in the first minute, one of the fastest goals in the tournament, to give Chennaiyin an early advantage. Chennaiyin's frontline kept pushing and earned a penalty in the 19th minute. Kwame Karikari unleashed a low powerful shot to make it 2-0.

TRAU put up a spirited effort before it was reduced to 10 men following a red card to forward Salam Johnson Singh in the 36th minute.

Still, it won a penalty in the dying minutes of the first half and skipper TRAU captain Komron Tursunov slotted home a beauty to make it 2-1.

Chennaiyin virtually took the match away from the host as Vafa Hakhamaneshi headed in the third goal (51st minute) and Sliskovic scored through a superb header from a long pass into the box from the left within four minutes.

Easily done

Meanwhile on Wednesday, Kerala Blasters recorded a fine 2-0 win over Army Green in a Group D encounter to make it to the quarterfinals.

For Blasters, Muhammad Aimen opened the account in the 25th minute and Aritra Das doubled the lead in the injury time of the first half.

Special Correspondent reports from Kolkata

Jamshedpur FC concluded its campaign on a high as it got the better of Indian Air Force (IAF) 2-1 in an inconsequential Group A league match at the Kishore Bharati Stadium on Thursday.

The win saw Jamshedpur FC finishing third in the league table with six points while IAF finished last losing all its matches. Mohammedan Sporting (nine points from three matches) and Bengaluru FC (seven from three) have already booked quarterfinal berths from the group.

ATK MB wins

Meanwhile, ATK Mohun Bagan rode on the early strikes from Lenny Rodrigues and Kiyan Nassiri to prevail over Indian Navy 2-0 in a Group B league match on Wednesday.

The 16-time champion, which completed its group league with seven points from four matches, has to wait for the result of the last group league match between Rajasthan United FC and Indian Navy on September 5, which will decide the final group standings.

The results: At Imphal: Group C: Chennaiyin FC 4 (Sliskovic 1, 55, Karikari 20-pen, Vafa 51) bt Trau 1 (Tursunov 45-pen).
Group D: Kerala Blasters 2 (Aimen 25, Aritra 45+3) bt Army Green 0.
At Kolkata: Group A: Jamshedpur 2 (Piyush 26, Ruatmawia 84) bt IAF 1 (Somananda Singh 39).
Group B: ATK Mohun Bagan 2 (Lenny 18, Kiyan 28) bt Indian Navy 0.

Opening strike: Aimen, right, firing in Blasters' first goal against Army Green on Wednesday. • RITU RAJ KONWAR

Arjun posts a win, Praggnanandhaa loses

DUBAI OPEN

SPORTS BUREAU

An oversight cost R. Praggnanandhaa his game against joint leader Rinat Jumabayev after Arjun Erigaisi benefited from a similar error of judgement from Mahammad Muradli in an action-packed fifth round of the Dubai Open chess tournament in Dubai on Wednesday. On a day when 14 of the top 15 boards, including the first 13, produced decisive results, Jumabayev remained the only leader with five points.

Arjun won in just 20 moves before being joined at 4.5 points by Ayush Sharma, top seed Alexandr Predke and Vladimir Akopian. Ayush, rated a modest 2158, stunned sixth seeded German Liviu-Dieter Nisipeanu, rated 2644, to complete a hattrick of triumphs over Grandmasters.

In the previous rounds, this youngster from Madhya Pradesh shocked M. S. Thej Kumar (2430) and Arjun Kalyan (2513). After five rounds, Ayush is gaining 59 rating points.

Leading results (Indians unless stated): Fifth round: Rinat Jumabayev (Kaz, 5) bt R. Praggnanandhaa (4); Alexandr Predke (FIDE, 4.5) bt Aleksandar Indjic (Srb, 3.5); Arjun Erigaisi (4.5) bt Mahammad Muradli (Aze, 3.5); Vladimir Akopian (USA, 4.5) bt S.P. Sethuraman (3.5); Ayush Sharma (4.5) bt Liviu-Dieter Nisipeanu (Ger, 3); Amin Tabatabaei (Iri, 4) bt Sandipan Chanda (3); Abhijeet Gupta (4) bt Julien Song (Fra, 3); Shaikh Mohammad Nubairshah (3) lost to Samvel Ter-Sahakyan (Arm, 4); L.R. Srihari (3) lost to Raunak Sadhwani (4); Aravindh Chithambaram (4) bt Arad Nazari (Iri, 3); Aram Hakobyan (Arm, 4) bt Syed Kian Poormosavi (Iri, 3); Aditya Samant (3) lost to Harsha Bharathakoti (4)

Fourth round: Indjic drew with Arjun Erigaisi; Praggnanandhaa bt Hakobyan; Muradli drew with Akopian; Jumabayev bt Sahaj Grover; Ortik Nigmatov lost to Predke; N.R. Vignesh drew with Tabatabaei; Nisipeanu drew with Srihari; Poormosavi drew with Abhijeet; Sethuraman bt V.S. Rathnavel; Sadhwani drew with Samant; Antonio Dcunha drew with Aravindh; Bharathakoti drew with Ziaur Rahman; Arjun Kalyan lost to Ayush.

ISL kicks off on Oct. 7

It will have a new playoff format

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

After being played entirely in Goa the last two years, the Hero Indian Super League will travel all over the country again in its ninth edition which opens in Kochi on October 7.

The ISL, in its original home and away format, will be open to spectators this time and most of the matches will be held between Thursdays and Sundays which will bring the event in line with the top global leagues.

The top two teams at the end of the league stage will automatically make the semifinals. And teams finishing between the third and sixth spots will play a single-leg playoff to determine the other two semifinalists.

The 11-team ISL's league phase will run for five months, till the end of February 2023, and the playoffs, semifinals and final will all be in March. After the ISL, the Super Cup will be played in April.

New playoff format:
Eliminator 1: 3rd placed team vs. 6th placed team; **Eliminator 2:** 4th placed team vs. 5th placed team.
Semifinal-1 First leg: 1st placed team vs. (winner of eliminator 2); **Semifinal-2 First leg:** 2nd placed team vs. (winner of eliminator 1).
Semifinal-1 Second leg: (winner of eliminator 2) vs. 1st placed team.
Semifinal-2 Second leg: (winner of eliminator 1) vs. 2nd placed team.
Final: Winner of Semifinal-1 vs. winner of Semifinal-2.
Playoffs, semifinals and final: March 2023.

Rampant Haaland does the 'trick again for City

Arsenal stays perfect and on top with win over Aston Villa

EURO LEAGUES

AGENCIES
LONDON

Erling Haaland hit a second successive hat-trick as Manchester City crushed Nottingham Forest 6-0, while leader Arsenal extended its perfect start to the Premier League season with a 2-1 win against Aston Villa on Wednesday.

City and Arsenal have set the early pace, but Liverpool is gathering momentum after snatching a last-gasp 2-1 victory against Newcastle, thanks to Fabio Carvalho's 98th-minute goal. City is two points behind Arsenal after Mikel Arteta's side once again showed a tenacity so often missing from Gunners teams in recent seasons.

Haaland's latest goal spree set a Premier League record. Haaland's tally of nine goals after his first five appearances is a new high in the Premier League era, beating the previous mark of eight set by City great Sergio Aguero and Micky Quinn.

Inspired by Haaland's first-half treble, Pep Guardiola's unbeaten side ran riot at the Etihad Stadium, reaching 19 goals from just five games.

Third-placed Tottenham had to settle for a 1-1 draw at West Ham, with an own goal from Hammers defender Thilo Kehrer cancelled out by Tomas Soucek's leveller.

Dusan Vlahovic continued his impressive start to the season as he set Juventus on its way to a 2-0 win over Spezia in Serie A on Wednesday.

Vlahovic scored in the ninth minute for his fourth goal in as many matches.

Goal-machine: Haaland uses his imposing physique to fire in City's first against Forest. • GETTY IMAGES

New signing Arkadiusz Milik sealed the result in stoppage time with his first goal for the club.

Sampdoria finally scored its first goal of the season as Manolo Gabbiadini netted in injury time to secure a 1-1 draw against Lazio.

Elsewhere, Fiorentina fell to a 1-0 loss at Udinese for its first defeat of the season. Empoli and Hellas Verona drew 1-1 to leave both sides still searching for their first wins of the season.

The results: Premier League: Arsenal 2 (Jesus 30, Martinelli 77) bt Aston Villa 1 (Luiz 74); Bournemouth 0 drew with Wolves 0; Liverpool 2 (Firmino 61, Carvalho 90+8) bt Newcastle 1 (Isak 38); Manchester City 6 (Haaland 12, 23, 38, Cancelo 50, Alvarez 65, 87) bt Nottingham Forest 0; West Ham 1 (Soucek 55) drew with Tottenham 1 (Kehrer 34-og).
Serie A: Empoli 1 (Baldanzi 26) drew with Verona 1 (Kallon 69); Juventus 2 (Vlahovic 9, Milik 90+2) bt Spezia 0; Napoli 1 (Elmas 27) drew with Lecce 1 (Colombo 31); Sampdoria 1 (Gabbiadini 90+2) drew with Lazio 1 (Immobile 21); Udinese 1 (Beto 17) bt Fiorentina 0.
On Tuesday: Premier League: Crystal Palace 1 (Zaha 59) drew with Brentford 1 (Wissa 88); Fulham 2 (Mitrovic 48, Dunk 55-og) bt Brighton 1 (Mac Allister 60-pen); Southampton 2 (Lavia 28, Armstrong 45) bt Chelsea 1 (Sterling 23); Leeds 1 (Sinisterra 55) drew with Everton 1 (Gordon 17).
Serie A: Inter Milan 3 (Correa 12, Barella 38, Martinez 76) bt Cremonese 1 (Okereke 90); Sassuolo 0 drew with AC Milan 0; Roma 3 (Dybala 18, 32, Ibanez 61) bt Monza 0.

Prannoy in quarterfinals

JAPAN OPEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
OSAKA

H.S. Prannoy breezed into the quarterfinals with a stunning straight-game win over former World champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore but it was curtains for K. Srikanth at the Japan Open Super 750 badminton tournament here on Thursday.

Srikanth, who had shocked World No. 5 Malaysian Lee Zii Jia on Wednesday, went down 10-21, 16-21 to local favourite and World No. 17 Kanta Tsuneyama.

The results (second round): H.S. Prannoy bt Loh Kean Yew (Sgp) 22-20, 21-19; Kanta Tsuneyama (Jpn) bt K. Srikanth 21-10, 21-16.

Salunkhe, Deotale excel with world records

SPORTS BUREAU

Recurve archer Parth Salunkhe and compound archer Ojas Deotale from Maharashtra have got better scores than at least four existing world records in the National Junior (under-21) assessment trials at Sonipat.

These performances will be officially entered as world records only after ratification from World Archery.

Salunkhe performed better than the world records for 144 arrows (1353 points out of 1440) and double 70m round (1354).

The record for 144 arrows was made by Korean Kim Seoung Hoon (1351) in 2011. USA archer Joonsuh Oh (1348) set the double 70m record in 2021.

Deotale scored 1423 and 1427 out of 1440 to go past the world record mark of 1419 for 144 arrows twice in a day.

The record was scripted by Netherland's Mike Schloesser in 2014.

Deotale's scores were also more than German Paolo Kunsch's total of 1422, set in 2020, over a double 50m round.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Brace by Adhilshan, Jai Hari

Muhammed Adhilshan and Jai Hari Barman scored a brace each as Bangalore Dream United FC blanked ADE FC 5-0 in the BDFA Super Division Football League, here on Thursday.

The results: Friends United FC 1 (Magesh Selva 81) bt Sporting Club Bengaluru 0; Bangalore Dream United FC 5 (Muhammed Adhilshan 20, 44, Jai Hari Barman 71, 78, Jiten Girdhari Panjwani 80) bt ADE FC 0.
On Wednesday: Rebels 2 (Dawanchwa Carlos Challam 35, Muheeb 84) bt BFC 1 (Amay Morajkar 20); Young Challengers FC 2 (Sanjay Besra 87, Bhanu Prakash og-83) drew with Bangalore Eagles FC 2 (Sanju Kumar 71, Nimshad Roshan 90+1); Thancos Students Union FC 2 (G. Udit 37, Aaryan Amla 44) bt Bangalore Independents FC 1 (V. Surendra Prasad 47).

Vishruth hits century as Herons thrashes Lions

Vishruth Uday Krishna top-scored with 158 as Herons CC thrashed Lions CC by 176 runs in the KSCA (Group I) under-16 inter-club tournament.

The scores: Chintamani SA 71 in 30.4 overs (M.C. Ajith 4/8) lost to Swastic Union (2) 77/0 in 11.3 overs (R. Shiv 52 n.o.).
Cambridge 313/5 in 50 overs (Nishchinth Parmashwar 43, Krishav Somasundar 28, Eesa Hakeem Puthige 101, Mohammed Waheed Qureshi 33, Aryan Kundap 57 n.o.) bt FUCC (2) 148 in 29.3 overs (Drishya Pandey 25, Vaibhav Venkappa Karisakrannavar 37, Mohammad Ibrahim Rayyan 4/41, Samarth S. Hosoor 4/32).
Cavaliers 127 in 48 overs (Mohammed Kaif Ur Rehman 45, Mohammad Rayan 4/32) lost to Young Lions Club 128/2 in 14.5 overs (Sridhar Ragunath 51 n.o., Rakshan 28, Mohammed Fawadur Rehman 25 n.o.).
Jolly Cricketers 318/7 in 50 overs (M. Dixit 32, Raj Singh Chauhan 92, K.S. Mokhit 92, Ansuman 32 n.o., R.C. Tanish Yadav 29, Affan Fazil Shaikh 3/42) bt Modern 205 in 46 overs (V.R. Nitesh Gowda 52, Samyam Vinay 86 n.o., Aaditya Nilesh Khilare 3/25).
Hanumanthnagar 178 in 46.5 overs (M. Tanshh Krishna 34, Raza Mohamood 35, Ashaz 4/32) lost to Sir Syed Cricketers 179/6 in 35 overs (T. Amruthraj 33, Sujaybhushan Patil 44 n.o., Venkat Sai 36, M. Tanshh Krishna 3/32).
Herons 362/6 in 50 overs (Achaman Sullia 32, Vishruth Uday Krishna 158, E. Adyant 28, Roshan Raju 38 n.o., Patela 54) bt Lions 186/4 in 50 overs (N.P. Vivek 56, R. Rohith Reddy 40).
Social Cricketers 228/9 in 50 overs (Vrateen Prashant Padti 52, Sean Pratyush Cyril 94, Rohith Koya 30, A. Preetham 3/37, R.V. Rohit 3/14) lost to Bangalore SC 229/5 in 47 overs (R.V. Rohit 52, S. Ananth 58, A. Preetham 50, S. Rishabh Kumar 32 n.o., Charan S.Reddy 3/36).
Visweswarapuram (1) 116 in 31.1 overs (Shiven Lal 30, P. Sri Bhagath 3/23, Agastya Akash Sahu 3/19) lost to FUCC (1) 117/1 in 20.1 overs (Devansh Joshi 32 n.o., Raag Punja 45 n.o.).

Rajajinagar Cricketers takes lead

S. Shivaraj scored a half-century (54) as Rajajinagar Cricketers secured the first-innings lead over FUCC (1) in the KSCA (Group I) first division league.

The scores: FUCC (1) 105 in 32.4 overs (V. Koushik 4/24, Dhuri 3/44) drew with Rajajinagar Cricketers 123/2 in 32 overs (C. Sanjay Ashwin 29, S. Nithin 37 n.o., S. Shivaraj 54).
Social Cricketers 369/9 in 90 overs (K.V. Aneesh 76, D. Avinash 140, Ajay Gouda 26, Shreesha S. Achar 29, Ashwij Hegde 32 n.o., Rohit 4/89) vs Modern (Match drawn after first innings was unfinished because of rain).
BUCC (1) 94/5 in 31.4 overs (Yashovardhan Parantap 27, Tushar Singh 37 n.o.) vs Cambridge CC (Match drawn after first innings was unfinished due to rain].
Swastic Union (2) 218/9 in 44.2 overs (Bhuvan M. Raju 36, Aman Khan 41, M.D. Taha 39, Gaurav Dhiman 49 n.o., Aditya Somanna 3/35, N. Pratham 4/64) vs Mount Joy (Match drawn after first innings was unfinished because of heavy rain).
Vultures 268/4 in 66.1 overs (Premnath J.Gode 66, D. Nischal 127, R. Smaran 50) vs Chintamani SA (Match drawn after first innings was unfinished due to rain].
Swastic Union (1) 265/8 in 73 overs (Nishith Raj 57, Anirudh Srinivas 89, S. Rakshith 35, Rohit Sabharwall 36, Kushaal Mahesh Wadhwani 3/70) vs Sir Syed Cricketers (Match drawn after first innings was unfinished due to rain).

Naman stars for Bangalore Occasionals

G.D. Naman's five-wicket haul (five for 55) helped Bangalore Occasionals secure the first-innings lead over FUCC (2) in the KSCA (Group I) second division league.

The scores:
Bangalore Occasionals 236 in 51.3 overs (C. Rithin Christy 64, Niranjan 27, Johann Joseph 82, Pradyumna Srivatsa 3/79, Shubham Singh 5/36) drew with FUCC (2) 179 in 65 overs (Sidharrth N.Rao 33, S.P. Shreyas 37, Aarush Mehrotra 31, G.D. Naman 5/55, T.N. Varun Rao 3/55).
The Bangalore Cricketers 150/6 in 57 overs (Rahul Kulkarni 67) vs Vijaya (Match drawn after first innings was unfinished due to rain).

Varun takes the honours

Varun Muthappa, with 134 gross, won the Open category title at the Karnataka Open Amateur golf championship, held here recently. David D'Souza finished runner-up with 143 gross.

Other results (winners all): **Handicap 0-9:** Nandan Rao (138 Net); **Handicap 10-18:** Pankaj Mittal (132 Net); **Handicap:** 19-24: Akash Mittal (136 Net); Ladies: Open: Saani Somu (142 Gross); Handicap: Jasmine Shekar (144 Net).

Easy for Maatru Pratishtana

Maatru Pratishtana FC defeated Roots FC 2-0 in the KSFA Karnataka Women's League football, here on Thursday.

The result: Maatru Pratishtana FC 2 (Lekhasri 37, Ananya 87) bt Roots FC 0.

Pratyaksh moves up

Pratyaksh Maloo defeated Riaz Ahmed 4-2 (49-16, 28-13, 41-09, 17-28, 34-42, 53-07) in a second round match at the Karnataka State-ranking 6-Red snooker tournament, here on Thursday.

It's My Opinion vs. Priceless Gold in the feature event

MYSURU: My Opinion and Priceless Gold may fight out the finish of the H.H. Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Memorial Trophy (1,400m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Friday (Sept. 2). False rails (width about 6.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

Meanwhile, the managing committee of the Bangalore Turf Club has decided not to conduct Totalizator Betting on Friday's races due to technical upgradation & administrative reasons. However, Bookmakers would be in operation as usual at the first enclosure.

1 SHIVAKASHI PLATE (1,100m), rated 00 to 25, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Miraculous Girl (4) Gautam Raj 62.5, 2. D Fighter (3) B. Darshan 62, 3. Star Speck (5) Angad 59, 4. Vijaya Miracle (7) B. Harish 59, 5. Raptor (2) Hasib A 56.5, 6. D Admiral (8) H. Rahul 55, 7. Swiss Bay (1) Sai Kiran 51 and 8. Country's Thunder (6) P.P. Dhebe 50.
1. D FIGHTER,
2. STAR SPECK,
3. RAPTOR

2 LT. COL. D.K. MISTRY MEMORIAL PLATE (1,100m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 2-30: 1. Marvel Princess (6) Hasib A 62, 2. D Fire (5) B. Darshan 61, 3. Country's Fame (1) C. Umesh 57, 4. Vijaya Sarathi (4) Sai Kiran 56.5, 5. N R I Level (7) Afsar Khan 54.5, 6. Royal Command (8) P.P. Dhebe 54.5, 7. Seventh Star (3) Angad 54 and 8. Ruby Cube (2) Ayaz Khan 50.5.
1. MARVEL PRINCESS,
2. D FIRE,
3. VIJAYA SARATHI

3 M.S. SURESH MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 60 to 85, 4-y-o & over, 3-00: 1. Turf Legend (8) Hasib A 62.5, 2. King T'Chala (3) Srinath 61, 3. Court Jester (7) Darshan 58.5, 4. Rising Sun (2) Sai Kiran 56.5, 5. Wild Spell (1) B. Darshan 56, 6. Sadeek (4) S. Shareef 54.5, 7. Agni (5) Kiran N 54, 8. Brunhild (9) P.P. Dhebe 53.5 and 9. Star Of Thea (6) R. Shiva K 52.
1. BRUNHILD,
2. KING T'CHALA,
3. TURF LEGEND

4 K.T. SHAMAIAH GOWDA MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 3-30: 1. D Roman Reigns (9) H. Rahul 62.5, 2. Swiss Tigress (11) Angad 61.5, 3. Prince Corporate (7) H. Rathod 61, 4. Lucky One (3) Hasib A 59.5, 5. Astrologer (10) Nazerul 59, 6. Indian Glory (5) Kiran N 59, 7. Niche Cannabis (2) Ajeet K 58.5, 8. Red Capri (6) G. Rohith 57.5, 9. Benghazi (1) B. Harish 56.5, 10. Coorg General (8) R. Shiva K 56 and 11. Perfectimagination (4) Sai Kiran 54.5.
1. ASTROLOGER,
2. NICHE CANNABIS,
3. PERFECTIMAGINATION

5 H.H. SRI KRISHNARAJA WADIYAR MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms), 4-00: 1. My Opinion (6) Akshay K 60, 2. Bellator (2) Srinath 56, 3. Jake (3) Hindu S 56, 4. Priceless Gold (7) Suraj 55.5, 5. All Attractive (4) Antony 54, 6. Chashni (1) C. Umesh 54, 7. Havelock Cruise (8) Darshan 54 and 8. Watchmystars (5) Sai Kiran 52.5.
1. MY OPINION,
2. PRICELESS GOLD,
3. WATCHMYSTARS

6 K.T. SHAMAIAH GOWDA MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-30: 1. Dalhousie (4) Jagadeesh 60, 2. Parker (5) S. John 59, 3. D Durga (9) Sarvan K 58.5, 4. Reckoning (7) Nazerul 58.5, 5. Fun And Laughter (3) H. Rahul 57.5, 6. Hurrem (1) R. Shiva K 57.5, 7. Masha (10) B. Harish 57.5, 8. Think N Fly (2) S. Shareef 56.5, 9. Imperius (6) Janardhan P 56 and 10. Samay Balwaan (8) Darshan 54.5.
1. PARKER,
2. THINK N FLY,
3. DALHOUSIE

7 SQUANDERER PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 5-00: 1. Notoriety (11) S. John 61, 2. Jeilani (10) P. S. Rathore 60, 3. Wencheng (6) Hasib A 60, 4. D Brother (4) Mukesh K 59.5, 5. What Is This (5) H. Rahul 59, 6. Aurelia (9) Nazerul 58, 7. Gallery Queen (1) Srinath 58, 8. Wind Whistler (8) Angad 53.5, 9. Dallas (7) Afsar K 53, 10. Tarek (3) S. Shareef 52 and 11. Flamingo Dancer (2) B. Darshan 50.
1. NOTORIETY,
2. FLAMINGO DANCER,
3. GALLERY QUEEN
Day's best: PARKER
Double: ASTROLOGER – NOTORIETY
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.
Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

David in Australia T20 WC squad

REUTERS
MELBOURNE

Singapore-born all-rounder Tim David has been named in Australia's Twenty20 World Cup squad, Cricket Australia said on Thursday.

The Aaron Finch-captained squad will travel to India for three T20 Internationals in September before returning home to play the West Indies, England and India leading into the World Cup.

David Warner will miss the Indian tour, while Cameron Green will join for the Indian T20I series.

The squad: Aaron Finch (Capt.), David Warner, Mitchell Marsh, Steven Smith, Glenn Maxwell, Marcus Stoinis, Matthew Wade, Tim David, Josh Inglis, Ashton Agar, Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins, Adam Zampa, Josh Hazlewood, and Kane Richardson.

CSK franchise named Joburg Super Kings

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CHENNAI

The Johannesburg-based franchise of Chennai Super Kings Cricket Limited (CSKCL) in the South Africa T20 (SA20) league has been named Joburg Super Kings.

Faf du Plessis will lead the side, while Stephen Fleming will be the coach, it was announced on Thursday.

The logo of the team acquired by Chennai Super Kings Cricket Limited was also unveiled.